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NEW BALKAN DEFENCE PACT LOOMS

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Bucharest, To-day.
An indication that common efforts are being exercised by the Balkan countries for their common security was given yesterday by reports from a good source that Rumania, Yugoslavia, Hungary and Bulgaria will soon open negotiations for the conclusion of an agreement between the four countries.—Havas.

IF ITALY MOVES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.
The Italian and Russian attitudes to the present conflict were among the main questions discussed during recent political conferences in London, well-informed quarters declare.

Any Italian aggression against one of her neighbours would soon produce effects equivalent to direct intervention against the Allies, the same circles point out, as a solid political pattern links Turkey with the Allies, while Turkey is also linked with Greece, Rumania and Yugoslavia by the Balkan Entente. As regards Russia, she apparently desires no new political or military adventures, but on the other hand the Allies are adopting a cautious attitude and will wait until Russia clearly indicates that she is maintaining absolute neutrality and that her trade with the Reich will not seriously affect the Allied blockade.—Havas.

BALTIC SEA MINING REVELATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.
It has just been revealed that the Allied mining of the Baltic Sea was carried out by air, in which French planes co-operated with the R.A.F.

The London papers point out that over 20 French warships, as well as several units of the Polish fleet, participated in the naval action off the Norwegian coasts.

The papers stress the close co-operation the Allied forces have instituted since the very beginning of the war.—Havas.

HEAVY MOVEMENTS OF GERMAN TROOPS TO THE EASTERN AND SOUTH-EASTERN FRONTIERS OF AUSTRIA AND ITALY'S EQUIVOCAL ATTITUDE HAVE EXCITED THE BALKAN COUNTRIES AND STIRRED THE BRITISH AND FRENCH WAR OFFICES TO NEW ACTIVITY.

Fear is rapidly growing that the military developments in Scandinavia, the assassination in Bucharest of two alleged German spies, a man and a woman, breakdown of further Nazi-Rumania trade negotiations, and warning of fresh Allied pressures to stiffen the blockade of Germany from the Balkans, will soon have violent repercussions.

Italy's policy furnishes the imponderable factor in the situation.

Mussolini has cancelled the "peace speech" he might have made at the Rome Exhibition meeting fixed for Saturday, and it is obvious that should Germany act, Italy could not remain passively on the side-lines.

Big question-mark is whether Italy would throw her weight into the scales against German invasion of Yugoslavia and Rumania, or whether she would move to take, say, Yugoslavia under her "protection."

While only a month ago at the Brenner interview Hitler and Mussolini had apparently decided to preserve the Balkan status quo, now Germany needs a spectacular success to compensate for the failure of the Scandinavian campaign.

German circles in Switzerland openly admit the Reich needs a swift and spectacular success, and important military concentrations are taking place in Austria.

Meanwhile, Norway's resistance. Germany's failure to maintain her ground and the quick and effective Allied intervention, have produced an excellent impression in the Balkans.

The whole Rumanian press openly praises Norway and King Haakon despite frantic efforts by German propagandists to get their views published.—Havas.

Serious Danger

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.
The political situation in Europe, and chiefly the attitude of the non-belligerent powers, is becoming increasingly clear as military events develop in Northern Europe.

Serious danger exists for the Balkan countries but the threat

MEXICAN REPLY TO U.S. OIL NOTE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mexico, City, To-day.
The Mexican Government's reply to the American Note suggesting that the oil dispute be settled by arbitration will be a firm rejection, based on clauses in international law, according to well-informed circles.—Havas.

PARIS, TO-DAY.

This attitude is considered all the more important as it is known with absolute certainty that Germany requested Russian help in the Scandinavian adventure.

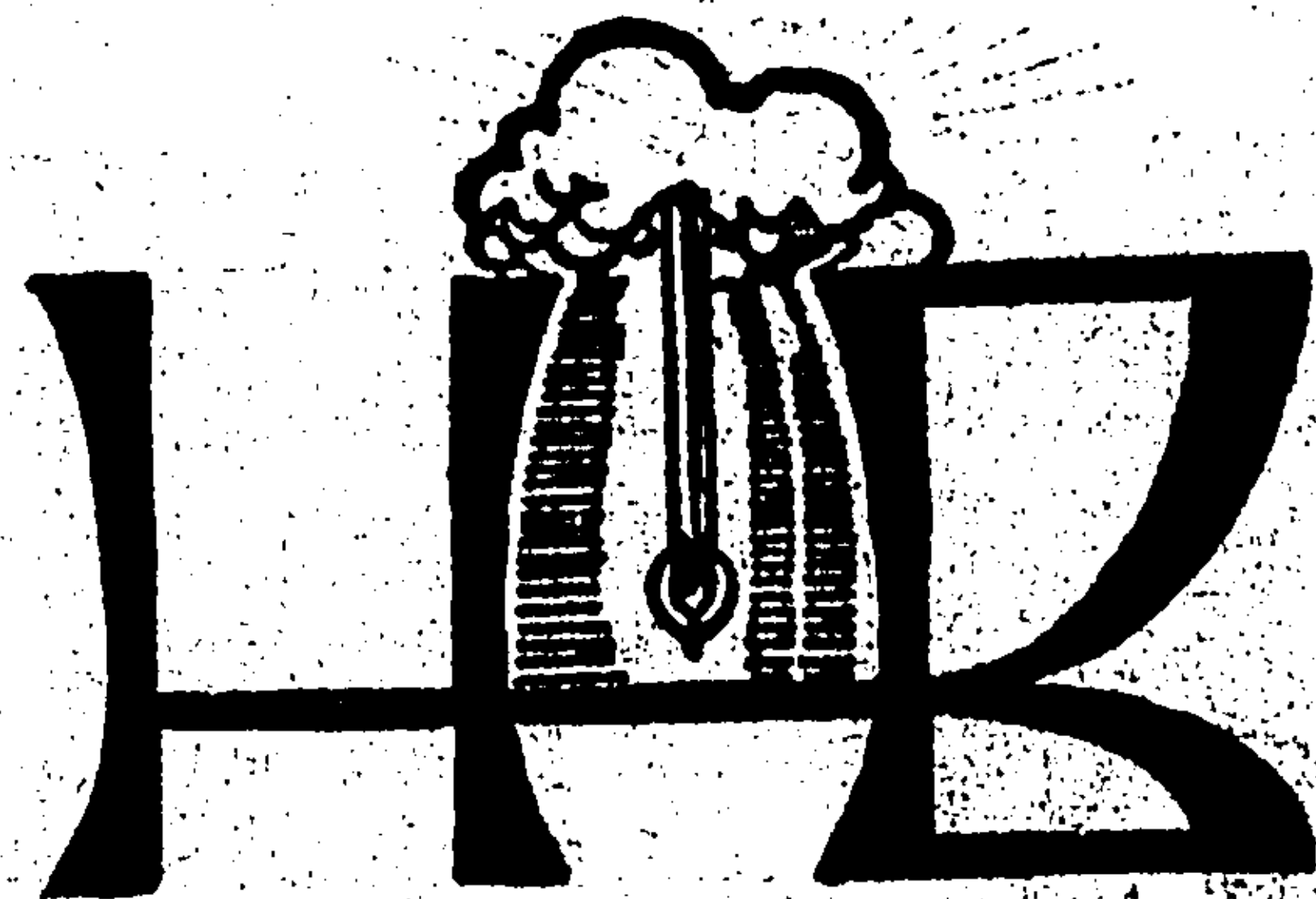
LOST PRESTIGE

Political circles believe Berlin and Moscow failed to agree on a common Balkan policy, and the changed Russian attitude was evidenced in Foreign Commissar Molotov's speech when he clearly indicated that Russia was following an independent policy in the Balkans.

Meanwhile, observers point out that the Nazis will not be able to conceal for long from the German population the defeats in Scandinavia and will attempt a blitzkrieg action in south-east Europe to regain lost prestige.—Havas.

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QUISLINGS EVERYWHERE SAYS "TIMES"

London, To-day.

ONE FEATURE OF THE German invasion of Norway which has attracted special attention was the use of the "Fifth Column," the Norwegian Nazis within the country.

"The Times" heads an article "Quislings everywhere," and goes on to explain this by saying: "There are 'Quislings' in every country in Europe, men primed beforehand to prepare for the Nazi invasion."

The "Glasgow Herald" says that Russian Bolshevism first developed this system and now the Nazis have developed it still further.

Both "The Times" and other papers see in the Allied military action a powerful antidote to the fear among the neutrals of Nazi threats.

"The Times" also comments that Russia has done Germany a bad turn over this, because the Allies could not have sent a trained expeditionary force so quickly if one had not been prepared for Finland some months ago.

The "Daily Telegraph" points out that only last week Nazi Foreign Minister Ribbentrop had said that the German forces would see to it that no Briton or Frenchman showed his nose in Norway, for the rest of the war. How foolish that boast reads to-day!

The "Daily Mail" says that Ribbentrop is accustomed to having to swallow his own words—but until now he has not had to swallow them so quickly!

German "Tourists"

Commenting on the sudden influx of "German tourists" into the Balkans, "The Times" says that it is a "gross violation of international good manners" under which these men are given diplomatic passports or papers stating that they are attached to official missions.

In Yugoslavia, a number of arrests have been made of people suspected of being connected with the Gestapo, and "The Times" comments that the Yugoslavian police seem to be as alert as the police of Turkey, where paid agents of the Reich take on the guise of harmless businessmen.—Reuter.

100 DROWNED IN CHINA COAST DISASTER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

It is learned that the Chinese steamer Hwamin (600 tons) on the way to Shanghai from the Chusan Islands, ran aground off the Chokiang coast on the night of Saturday last during a violent storm.

The ship sank with the loss of about 100 lives, including the captain. Two hundred survivors arrived in Shanghai yesterday.—Havas.

GERMAN APPEAL TO ROOSEVELT!

Berlin, To-day.

The Foreign Office mouthpiece, the "Diplomatische Korrespondenz," last night appealed to President Roosevelt to withhold criticism of a "Germany defending her vital living space."

It suggested that America, having "succeeded with one exception in keeping imperialists out of the Western Hemisphere," should sympathise with Germany in similar struggles.—Reuter.

COST OF LIVING

London, To-day.

It is officially announced that at April 1 the official cost of living index figure was 78 per cent. above the level of July, 1914, compared with 79 per cent. at March 1.—Reuter.

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SHANGHAI FACES BATTLE OF THE BUDGET

Shanghai, To-day.

THOUSANDS OF BRITISH, American, Japanese and minority nationalities in the Settlement are expected to turn out for the annual Municipal ratepayers' meeting this afternoon at the Race Club, at which the Japanese are expected vigorously to oppose the Municipal budget providing a 50 per cent. tax increase.

If the Japanese succeed in stopping the passage of the budget measure the Council will be faced with the task of revising the budget and seeking other means besides taxes to defray expenses for the year.

SANG WO-TAI CASSIA CASE CONTINUES

THE ACTION ARISING FROM A DISPUTE BETWEEN SANG WO-TAI AND THE HOLLAND CHINA COMPANY WAS CONTINUED BEFORE SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR THIS MORNING.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Peter Sin, is for plaintiffs, and defendants are represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada Jnr. instructed by Wilkinson and Grist.

Mr. Potter is asking the Court to declare that they discharged from any liability under seven contracts for delivery of 870 bales of cassia liquea which was made in Canton between August 3, 1938 and October 5, 1938, and the return of \$3,000.

The plaintiffs contend that the occupation of Canton made it impossible for delivery of the goods at due date, but by the delivering of the goods on the agreement of June 9, 1939, they had performed the delivery of the seven contracts.

Defendants contend that plaintiffs were liable under the seven contracts to deliver 870 bales of cassia, and that the agreement of June 9 constituted a further and distinct contract to deliver another 870 bales.

Defendants in respect of the 870 bales delivered had paid to plaintiffs \$10,036.90 only, and in breach of the said agreement of June 9 had refused to pay the balance of \$8,000.

Wong Chuen-oi, partner of plaintiff firm, who gave evidence yesterday, was to-day cross-examined by Mr. d'Almada and said he would have lost \$1,500 on the contracts even after the extra amount had been paid for transportation through Kwong Chow-Wan.

When the Japanese took Canton his office was burnt and one of his godowns was taken over, but he had another godown at Shaker where some of his folks stayed.

The Canton office was closed and business was done in Hong Kong.

He did not know why Messrs. Holland China were told that Sang Wo-tai of Hong Kong had nothing to do with Sang Wo-tai of Canton.

LETTERS QUESTIONS

Referring to letters sent by the defendant firm correctly addressed but refused, witness said he could not account for it. Regarding another addressed to his father, he was present when the letter came. The postman insisted on the chop of the addressee on the receipt before delivering the letter. This was not possible as his father was not in Hong Kong and the chop was with him.

He could not say why another letter sent to his firm by chit book was refused.

At the time of the fall of Canton he had outstanding contracts with other firms including Jebson's and Loxley's.

He did not tell the manager of defendant firm that these firms were holding their contracts in abeyance and were entering into new contracts.

Referring to the agreement of June 8, witness agreed that by the agreement alone, he would be obliged to deliver 870 bales of cassia, but he said the agreement was in connection with the seven previous contracts.

If the agreement was treated as a substitute contract, Mr. d'Almada asked, why was it that witness did not insist on words to the effect that the

However, the easy passage of all resolutions is forecast in official Council circles.

The Japanese Residents Association met last night to plan opposition to the budget and the tax increase measures.

Council officials are confident Japanese opposition will be overcome because a large turn-out of British and American voters is assured.

If the budget resolution is defeated by the Japanese voters it is probable confusion in the Municipal government would result.

Only by passage of the measure can the Council raise funds to pay police, firemen and other public services. If the resolution is defeated it is believed no bank would advance a loan to keep the Council running another year unless assurances are forthcoming from a foreign power.

Between 6,000 and 8,000 are expected to attend this afternoon's meeting. — Reuter.

DENMARK'S GOLD

London, To-day.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer stated in the Commons that according to the latest returns, the gold holdings of the National Bank of Denmark and Norway amounted to thirteen and eighteen or nineteen million pounds respectively.

Sir John Simon was unable to say whether the Germans had seized any part of these holdings or what part was being held outside their own countries at the times of the invasion. — British Wireless.

SAMPAN OVER H.K. MINEFIELD

"Have you no idea that you'll get blown up?" the Harbour Master, Commander G. F. Hole, asked a Chinese, Lai Chung, who was charged in the Marine Court this morning with entering the minefield at the north side of the West Lamma Channel yesterday morning.

Defendant pleaded guilty, but explained that he was sailing in his sampan near the shore and did not believe he was in any danger.

He was fined \$10, or 10 days.

Accused was arrested by Sergeant C. H. Mayor.

agreement cancelled previous contracts.

Witness said that he had not seen such an amendment in any contract before. The marks and quantities were the same as in the other contracts and he always took the agreement to refer to the previous contracts.

IN ABEYANCE

In answer to Mr. Potter, witness said that as far as outstanding contracts with other firms were concerned, he explained the position to them at the time and the contracts were still in abeyance.

He never in his mind thought, when he signed the agreement, that he was selling a new lot of 870 bales.

Before the fall of Canton, his monthly business was over \$80,000 but now it was only a few thousand dollars.

The case is proceeding.

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Allied Troops Already In Contact With Norwegians

OTHERS ON THE WAY, SAYS FRENCH PREMIER

Paris, To-day.

A CROWDED FRENCH SENATE yesterday cheered to the echo M. Reynaud, the Premier, when he gave an account of Allied successes in the past few days.

He revealed that Allied troops have already made contact with Norwegian forces and added:—"Others are on the way."

The first great battle, he said, had been a naval battle; it was won by the Allies.

He went on to deal with some of the results.

Fleet Mutilated

Firstly, there had been a great and irreparable mutilation of the German Fleet.

"Its losses during the action amount to 30 per cent. of its heavy tonnage, damaged, 20 per cent. of its cruisers, sunk, 25 per cent. of its destroyers, sunk and 15 per cent. of its destroyers damaged, without counting several U-boats sunk."

"Secondly, 78,000 tons of German merchant shipping were sunk or captured during the same period."

Mr. Reynaud added that the loss of Allied merchant shipping in the same period was nil.

Secondly, the iron-ore route had been cut. The fact that the Nazis recognised the importance of Narvik was shown by their action in sending seven of their most modern destroyers to act as watch-dogs. He added:—"You know what happened to them!"

A New Front

The Allies had also mined the Baltic which, for six months of the year, is

a supply-route; Germany's steel industries work on the deliveries of Swedish iron-ore.

Military Setback

Thirdly, the Germans will be obliged to fight on a new front. In the meantime, they are forced to use up petrol and wear out planes, besides dispersing artillery and men.

Fourthly and finally, there had been an immense military set-back for the Germans.

Hitler was becoming more and more steeped in crime and had made the fatal mistake of supposing no small neutral would dare to resist his threats.

The result has been an enormous setback for Germany and a defeat not only for her navy but also for her propaganda.

After a moving reference to King Haakon, who, M. Reynaud declared, refused to be another Hacha, M. Reynaud said Allied troops had disembarked, and added: "More troops are on the way."

Following M. Reynaud's speech the Senate adjourned after agreeing to go into secret session only on reports by the army, navy and air force committee. The secret session on general policy has been postponed.—Reuter.

Secret Session

Paris, To-day.

After a short adjournment the Senate went into secret session on the army committee report.

The session will continue to-day on the air and navy committee report and will conclude with a public vote on the motion of confidence.—Reuter.

GERMANY'S NAVAL BUILDING

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

GERMANY COMPLETED TWO NEW BATTLESHIPS RECENTLY AND IS BUILDING FOUR MORE, ACCORDING TO A NAVY DEPARTMENT STATEMENT TO THE SENATE NAVAL COMMITTEE CONSIDERING THAT THE BATTLESHIP REMAINS THE BACKBONE OF THE FLEET.

The naval authorities are further of opinion that Germany's preponderance in air power has not seriously affected Britain's control of the world sea lanes.

Admiral Stark told the committee that the United States is faced with an emergency situation and declared Congress should appropriate another \$45,000,000 for the Navy, in addition to the \$245,000,000 already voted by the House.—Reuter.

KILLED BY A TRAM

An unknown Chinese, sent to the Queen Mary Hospital with serious injuries, after being knocked down by a tramcar in Hennessy Road yesterday, died early to-day.

HERRING FLEET GOES TO SEA

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Dutch herring fleet is going to sea again but only half of it will sail, owing to minefields in the North Sea, according to the "Handelsblad."—Reuter.

STRIKING FIGURES OF LOSSES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The respective present positions of the British and German Fleets, following the encounters off Norway, are outlined by the London correspondent of "Petit Parisien."

The correspondent stated that Germany has lost 70 to 80 ships and Britain 16.

Details of the number of ships and losses since the outbreak of war are as follows:—

BATTLESHIPS AND BATTLE CRUISERS

Britain 15, lost 1 (Royal Oak); Germany 5, lost 3.

CRUISERS

Britain 15, lost none; Germany 2, lost one.

LIGHT CRUISERS

Britain 43, lost none; Germany 6, lost five.

DESTROYERS

Britain 175, lost 10; Germany 22, lost 12.

SUBMARINES

Britain 57, lost 4; Germany 71, lost 50 to 60.

AIRCRAFT-CARRIERS

Britain 7, lost one (Courageous); Germany nil, lost none.

Concluding, the correspondent stressed that the above figures do not include troop transports or unconfirmed losses of the Germans.

AN UNINTENTIONAL FAILURE

W. A. Hellweg, of Messrs. H. M. Hodges, Asia Life Building, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., to-day, for failing to supply an import declaration of 10 cases of saccharin to the Import and Export Department on February 24.

Defendant said the offence was unintentional. Usually, the National City Bank of New York received the bills of lading and the goods were taken to his distributor, left Shirley & Company. Recently, however, the company made an alteration, and the bills of lading were sent to him, instead of to the bank. He still thought his distributor would supply the declaration.

A fine of \$10 was imposed.

JEBSEN'S FINED

The manager of Jebson's was fined \$200 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for failing to supply a list of passengers of non-Chinese race leaving on board the s.s. "Sophocles" on March 16.

Mr. W. A. Mackinlay, for the Company, said it was purely due to an oversight by a clerk.

Det. Sergeant J. Hill said two American and a British passenger were on board the ship. It was two weeks after the ship left the Colony before the Police received the list.

ATTACK ON B.E.F. IN FRANCE

London, To-day.

The Germans launched an attack against a sector of the British Maginot Line early yesterday, telephones Reuter's correspondent with the B.E.F.

The attack was preceded by the whistle and crash of shell-fire making a barrage to the rear.

German troops then advanced through the darkness but the spirited defence of the British Infantry drove them back.

Six German dead were found, and the British suffered some casualties.—Reuter.

CAR THIEF SENTENCED

Lieut. E. G. N. Bremner, R.N., this morning appeared as complainant, before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen when three Chinese were charged with stealing and receiving.

Accused were Leung Fook-ki, 30, charged with stealing rattan basket, containing clothing and a pair of shoes; and Leung Long, 32, a marine hawk, and Siu Wing, 30, pawnshop broker, charged with receiving.

Det. Sgt. J. R. Sykes, prosecuting, said that Leung Fook-ki was arrested in Battery Street at 3 p.m. yesterday. He admitted stealing the basket from car No. 6258, parked outside the Gas Company's show-room in Nathan Road. He had sold all the things to Leung Long for sixty cents, with the exception of a suit, which he pawned for \$3.

The property, valued at £12, belong to Lieut. Bremner.

Leung Fook-ki was given one month's hard labour and Leung Long was fined \$10 or one month. Siu Wing, who pleaded not guilty, was remanded.

Siu Wing said first accused told him his master asked him to pawn the suit.

EX-P.C. SENT TO PRISON

A former Chinese constable, Leung Sam, 37, (PCC-249), charged with desertion; theft of an army coat and a mackintosh from No. 353, Prince Edward Road on April 13; and with assaulting Wu Ping-hing at Spring Garden Lane, to-day by Mr. E. Hims-worth.

Det. Sgt. J. Allan said accused was arrested in Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday when going into a pawnshop with the army coat.

He confessed that he deserted the Force in 1924.

The assault charge was withdrawn as the police could not locate the complainant.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed.

JULY 31, 1939 CATCHES UP ON HIM

Before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, Cheung Yee, 32, travelling trader, was fined \$25 for giving a receipt for \$1,000 to a firm in the Colony, which was not duly stamped, on July 31 last year.

The receipt was issued to the Man Fook Sing shop, Des Voeux Road West.

Sergeant R. Grainger prosecuted.



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TRYING TO CUT NORWAY IN TWAIN

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE GERMANS ADVANCING FROM TRONDHEIM APPEAR TO BE TRYING TO CUT NORWAY IN TWO, ACCORDING TO THE FINNISH WIRELESS. THEY WERE REPORTED LAST NIGHT TO BE A FEW MILES FROM STORLIEN, ON THE SWEDISH FRONTIER.

JAPAN AND D.E.I.

WARNING OFF BY HOLLAND

Amsterdam, To-day.

Suggestions regarding foreign help for Holland's overseas possessions should the mother country be invaded are firmly rejected in responsible circles.

Should Holland be overrun, the East and West Indies would simply be part of Holland that had not been conquered, it is stated.

The "Telegraaf" writes: "Should unexpected events in Europe result in breaking the connexion with the Netherlands Indian Government, the latter is quite capable of continuing to administer the Indies without help or protection."

"The East Indies possess a fleet and army whose strength it would be unwise for any power to underrate." — Reuter.

United States And Japan's Hints

Washington, To-day.

Considerable interest has been aroused in official circles by the Japanese Foreign Minister's "hands off" statement in regard to the Dutch East Indies, but this feeling does not amount to uneasiness.

It is generally felt that Japan will think twice before running foul of the French and British in the Far East in the event of Holland becoming involved in war.

News commentators feel there is no necessity for the United States to act because Britain and France, who would be vitally affected, would be expected to take immediate steps.

Any Japanese action against the Dutch Indies, however, would undoubtedly rouse unpredictable reactions in America by crystallising the widespread feelings against Japanese imperialist ambitions in the Far East. — Reuter.

NAZI MEETING BANNED IN NETHERLANDS

Amsterdam, To-day.

The military authorities yesterday banned a Nazi meeting at Zutphen. Mussert, chief of the Dutch Nazis, was to have spoken on "The end of the democracies." — Reuter.

BRITAIN CALLING UP 27's IN MAY

London, To-day.

It is officially announced that the registration date for the 27-year-old Class will be May 25. — Reuter.

The Norwegians, however, are stated to be still holding the fortress of Hegre, east of Trondheim.

A Stockholm report says the German column which thrust north in the early hours of the invasion to intercept King Haakon and the Norwegian Government is still vainly attacking Elverum.

According to a despatch from the Swedish frontier, the Norwegian troops in the Elverum region are strongly placed on bridges over the River Glomma.

Heavy snowfalls are impeding the German mechanised units and, following the example of the Finns, Norwegian suicide patrols of skiers are harassing the Germans and cutting their communications, while the civil population is assisting by hiding food supplies.

Following the Norwegian withdrawal from Konigsvinger from which, according to the newspaper "Allehanda," the last Norwegian troops left yesterday morning, a decisive battle is expected shortly for the possession of Elverum and Hamar.

Oestfold Occupied

In the extreme south-east the Germans are reported to have occupied the whole of Oestfold province and the Norwegian troops are either crossing the Swedish frontier or going north in an effort to contact the Norwegians holding the eastern defence line. — Reuter.

German Naval Units At Narvik Wiped Out

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The German naval units at Narvik have been completely wiped out by the British according to the "Dagens Nyheter."

The landing of British troops was carried out with the protection of heavy naval guns, and the Germans retreated along the Narvik-Kiruna Railway where Norwegian troops are preparing to engage them. — Havas.

DR. CLODIUS FAILS IN RUMANIA

Bucharest, To-day.

Dr. Clodius, the Nazi economic expert, is expected to return to Germany at the end of the week.

It is understood he has neither succeeded in getting the lei rate decreased in terms of reichsmarks, nor has he obtained any considerable increase in the export of foodstuffs to Germany. — Reuter.

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STREAMS OF NAZI PLANES

Stockholm, To-day.

A continuous stream of German planes is passing over Oesterdalen en route to Trondheim, states a Norwegian telegraph agency report.

Many of the planes apparently took off from Danish bases.—Reuter.

TREND TO THE CITIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

A definite trend to the cities is being witnessed in Japan as more and more youths desert the farm for higher paid industrial jobs, reveals a survey just published by the Labour Research Institute.

Since the beginning of the China War 10 per cent. of youths have deserted the villages. The highest proportion of those emigrating to the city was composed of the younger sons of agricultural families and youngsters with a high educational standard.—Havas.

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PONTOONS IN THE MOSELLE

Brussels, To-day.

According to reports from Namur many inhabitants in Luxemburg fear an attack may be directed against Namur.

It is reported the Germans have put out 21 long pontoons in the Moselle and a large number of German "tourists" have recently entered Luxemburg.—Reuter.

B.E.F. LANDING A TRIUMPH OF ORGANISATION AND SWIFT ACTION

London, To-day.

SOME DETAILS IN REGARD to the remarkable exploits in equipping the British Expeditionary Force for Norway are now available.

It is pointed out that on the German side, the invasion of Norway was worked out to the last detail during a period which must have lasted months, while the British Command had to make plans and take action at very short notice.

It had to decide, for instance, where landings should be effected and how they would be carried out, whether at the quayside or at sandy beaches, and all details had to be concluded on very meagre information and decided in outline before the British expedition could start and before even the size and character of the troops required could be settled.

A point the British Command had to consider was the type of equipment required in view of the fact that some of the ships would be operating in the Arctic Circle. The troops themselves were equipped with sheepskin coats and jerkins, and sealskin caps and blankets.

Food Supplies

Another minor point to be considered was the special type of engine oil required for the cold climate, while the impossibility of living on the country necessitated food supplies being sent with or after the troops.

It is emphasised that conditions do not allow of a large army being landed in a few days. The British Command will have to build up its force gradually.—Reuter.

"Tough Guys"

London, To-day.

"Tough men" are needed for the battle for Norway, and this has led unofficial but reliable military circles in London to believe reports that among the Allied troops now in Finland are a large number of Canadians who had volunteered for service in Finland and received special training to that end.

It is pointed out that "tough and seasoned men" are required for the Norwegian campaign. In the far north and the mountains, it is still full winter and even around Oslo in the south the woods are full of melting snow.

The Norwegian troops will have the advantage in the campaign, for they are certainly "tough and seasoned." Their idea of a pleasant week-end is to go out hunting in the forests and sleep out in the hills and the snow.—Reuter.

WELL-SEASONED TROOPS

London, To-day.

It is understood that the B.E.F. in Norway includes regiments from all parts of the British Isles. All are well-seasoned troops.—Reuter.

Germany Admits Landing

London, To-day.

The landing of Allied troops in Norway was admitted by the German wireless last night, when it stated: "Allied troops probably landed among points at Harstad, 50 miles north of Narvik, but in this district the movement of troops is severely restricted by mountains and snow, so no military importance can be attached to the landing."—Reuter.

FRENCH AND CANADIANS

London, To-day.

It is reported that the Allied forces landed in Norway include French and Canadians.—British Wireless.

Fjords An Asset?

London, To-day.

The view that Allied forces can be landed at many of the Norwegian fjords which cut deep into the country is expressed by Sir Charles Wingfield, a former British Minister in Norway.

The configuration of the country, he says, lends itself to such possibilities and, with the Navy giving access to them, he is sure Britain will hear

FRENCH RAID WEST OF THE VOSGES

London, To-day.

Three small columns of French troops yesterday carried out a highly successful raid on a German position west of the Vosges, capturing some prisoners, cables Reuter's correspondent with the French army.

Inside the post itself a hand-to-hand struggle occurred. On perceiving this, the German artillery shelled its own position without regard for the lives of the Germans who were fighting to defend it.

The increasing unhealthiness of the western front positions contrasts strangely with the relative calm of those in front of Luxemburg and Belgium, where a strange atmosphere of expectancy prevails with the men always on the alert and transport, armoured cars and tanks in a position ready for instant movement.—Reuter.

Artillery Fire

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French communique said that on part of the front held by British troops the enemy launched an attack prepared and accompanied by artillery fire.

The attack was repulsed and the enemy suffered serious losses.

In the region of the Saar our artillery fired on enemy organisations.

There was activity of our reconnaissance units to the east of the Vosges.—Reuter.

1,800 EMPLOYEES OF S.M.R. DISMISSED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

One thousand-eight-hundred employees of the South Manchurian Railway were dismissed on the grounds of "physical or spiritual unfitness," the "Japan Times" reports.

In Harbin alone 300 were affected. For the first time a purge affects Japanese and Russians on a big scale.—Havas.

shortly about landings and movements of troops.

Sir Charles said he was certain that in Oslo, troops only surrendered through being given treacherous orders not to resist and speaking of the Norwegian people, he added: "One of the essential facts is that they are a very friendly people. Our troops coming to their help will meet with a most friendly reception and will not lack capable guides in their operations."—British Wireless.

Official Confirmation

London, To-day.

It is officially confirmed that Canadian and French troops are with the British forces in Norway.

The Expedition represents, largely, the force organised for Finland, with all the special equipment prepared for the weather severities expected in the campaign there.

The Expedition, many members of which are volunteers, was rapidly re-formed after the German invasion of Norway.—Reuter.

PREPARING WAY FOR BAD NEWS

London, To-day.

The German public is still being told that the Allies have not landed in Norway and that Narvik is still in German hands—although the German propaganda squad is careful to hint that something is afoot.

"No British landing took place yesterday at any point held by the Germans," the official communique put it yesterday.

Official statements also maintain that the situation of the Germans in the far north is "unchanged," but go on to say that Allied ships are standing by, "ready for an attempted landing."

By delicate steps, the Nazis are preparing the way for bad news.

Meanwhile, there is continued stress on the superior forces that the German Navy is meeting and an attempt to prove that Narvik is useless, anyway. This, of course, is far from the case, for whoever holds Narvik holds both the inward and outward routes to the iron-ore mines.

FINANCIAL PLANS

The capture of Narvik was confirmed in the special Norwegian broadcast from the BBC, which broadcast reveals that matters of detail have already been arranged between the Allies and the Norwegians.

For instance, the Norwegians are asked to accept British and French coinage, while prices are fixed at the Norwegian level and billeting rates at the British level.—Reuter.

SWEDEN CLOSES MANY PORTS

London, To-day.

Warned by the events in Norway, the intervention of Nazi agents installed before the invasion, many neutrals are moving to check the danger in their midst.

Round-ups have taken place in Belgium, Sweden, Yugoslavia and Rumania.

In Sweden, many ports on the west coast have been closed and others, on the south coast, are to be closed within a few hours.

Holland is taking similar steps and several Nazi agents have been arrested.—Reuter.

HUNDREDS VOLUNTEER FOR NORWAY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

SO MANY APPLICATIONS FOR ENLISTMENT IN THE NORWEGIAN FORCES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE NORWEGIAN LEGATION IN LONDON THAT A SPECIAL DEPOT WILL BE OPENED TO-DAY TO DEAL WITH THEM.

An official of the Legation stated that at the moment it is only possible to register volunteers, who are understood to be of many nationalities, and it is hoped later, in association with British officials, to devise a scheme for using the men's services.

Norwegian pilots are already serving in British warships.—Reuter.

BRITISH SEA LOSSES

London, To-day.

The Minister of Shipping stated in the Commons yesterday that the total number of British merchant vessels sunk by enemy submarines up to April 10 was 81, including 17 miscellaneous vessels mainly under 500 gross tons.—British Wireless.

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GERMAN AIR BASE AT STAVANGER DEVASTATED

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LONDON, TO-DAY.

THRILLING ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF THE LATEST R.A.F. RAID ON STAVANGER SHOW THAT THE AERODROME WAS SUBJECTED TO INTENSIVE AIR ATTACKS FOR OVER AN HOUR, AND THAT THE BASE HAS BEEN DEVASTATED.

Aircraft arriving on the scene after the raid had begun were able to identify their target while many miles out at sea from the huge fires started in earlier attacks.

Over Stavanger a red glow suffused the sky and hangars and aircraft could be seen blazing fiercely at the southern end of the aerodrome.

Direct hits were obtained on the runways. A heavy bomb burst close to the civil aerodrome control tower, and another started a fierce fire nearby.

Aided by the light of the moon, our bombers traversed the aerodrome in successive waves, destroying aircraft and buildings and pitting the surface of the aerodrome with bomb craters.

The ground defences put up opposition and searchlights strove vainly to hold the bombers as they approached singly from different angles to launch the attack. Light anti-aircraft batteries set up a barrage over the centre of the target.

Despite opposition from the ground defences all our aircraft returned to their bases safely.—*Reuter*.

NO AIRCRAFT LOST

LONDON, TO-DAY.

The Air Ministry announce: "The German High Command falsely alleges that five British aircraft were lost on Monday. It claimed that two Lockheeds were shot down in attacks on Stavanger and a Sunderland flyingboat destroyed.

"No aircraft was lost in any of Monday's attacks on Stavanger and no flyingboat is missing. Two of our aircraft which were engaged in reconnaissance over the North Sea on Monday have not returned."—*Reuter*.

INCOME TAX RISE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

Income Tax in the first two weeks of the present financial year yielded £11,242,000, an increase of £3,202,000 compared with the corresponding period of last year, which included an additional week-end.

The total ordinary revenue at £32,843,623 shows an increase of £4,850,455.

Ordinary expenditure, less self-balancing items, at £27,348,299 is almost £21,000,000 higher.

The total floating debt outstanding on April 13 was £1,465,805,000. This was a net decrease since April 1 of £32,395,000. — *British Wireless*.

U.S. GRANT FOR DISTRESSED IN EUROPE

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

The foreign affairs commission of the House of Representatives has recommended the authorisation of expenditure of \$15,000,000 to alleviate the suffering of invaded countries in Europe and Asia.

They have recommended that the President should be satisfied that the money should reach the persons for which it is intended. — *Reuter*.

CHAMBERLAIN SPEECH TO-MORROW

LONDON, TO-DAY.

Mr. Chamberlain is not now expected to make his statement on the progress of the war before Thursday. — *Reuter*.

GLOOM IN NAZI CIRCLES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.

A GLOOMY ATMOSPHERE PREVAILS IN GERMAN OFFICIAL CIRCLES AS THE REAL CHARACTER OF THE NORWEGIAN ADVENTURE BECOMES CLEAR, NEUTRAL OBSERVERS IN BERLIN REPORT.

A very strong impression has been created in Berlin by the German navy's losses.

Official quarters try to assert that Narvik is still in German hands but say at the same time that the harbour's geographical position makes it extremely difficult to defend and that the German garrison there is practically isolated. Only way of supplying or reinforcing them is by air.

Commenting on these reports, the Swedish press observes Nazi circles are preparing German public opinion for an announcement of the evacuation of Narvik.

Meanwhile observers are of opinion that the Norwegian drive, which was conceived and carried out "with dynamism," inherent in Nazism, has now definitely failed, creating for the Germans the very difficult problem of how to liquidate the situation and explain the position to the German people and to neutrals, and how to dissimulate the enormous naval losses. — *Havas*.

SWEDEN'S UNITY PROCLAIMED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Action against traitors of any political allegiance is demanded in a joint manifesto signed by youth organisations of the Conservative, Liberal and Social-Democratic Swedish parties.

"At the present critical hour, any form of treason, any tendency to capitulation, must be fought with the utmost energy and without pity.

"The whole nation must be united around the Government for the defence of Democracy, national independence and the freedom of our country."

This is the first time the three political parties have issued a common statement. — *Havas*.

SAME OLD TECHNIQUE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

"The Times," in a leader this morning, compares the technique of the ultimatum to Poland and the "protection" offer to Norway.

"What shows the familiar technique is the time-table.

"Dr. Brauer (the German Minister to Norway) presented the demands at 5 in the morning. German warships were already sighted at midnight and fighting had begun between them and the Norwegian coast defences soon after 3.30.

"The Cabinet had already assembled to discuss the conduct of the war in being before ever Dr. Brauer arrived with the conditions on which the Nazis were to preserve the peace." — *Reuter*.



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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

If anyone thinks Holland will be subjugated without resistance, he is greatly mistaken," declared the Hong Kong "National Times" referring to the predictions of Japanese newspapers that Holland, if attacked, will seek American protection of the Netherlands East Indies, or make the islands a British Protectorate.

"Holland," adds the journal, is now confronted with the most difficult task of maintaining strict neutrality. How long will she be able to do so in face of the changes in the European war situation is indeed a delicate problem.

"Holland has natural defences throughout the country, a population of over 3,500,000, a military force of about 250,000 which can be increased in wartime to 750,000, and also small but well-trained naval and air forces.

"If mobilised, she will be able to give invading forces a good fight."

WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED?

What would have happened to the Voortrekker celebrations and the like had a Nazi regime prevailed in South Africa? What sentence would have been awarded to the Pretoria University students who tore down the national flag? How many ex-Cabinet ministers would be outside concentration camps? All the Hertzog leaders have paid repeated tribute to Britain's magnanimity since the Boer War. Do not those present lessons from modern Europe point to a moral and make a beacon for our national future?—"The Natal Daily News."

A CASE IN POINT

If America needs any reminder to avoid the hysterias and intolerances of wartime, it exists in the career of Dr. Karl Muck, former conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and interpreter of Wagnerian music at the Bayreuth Festivals.

Dr. Muck, who has passed on at his home in Stuttgart, Germany, brought the Boston Symphony to a pitch of excellence at which it was aptly said that the entire orchestra was a virtuoso expressing the beauty, brilliance, and grace of the composers as he understood them.

Yet when the United States entered the war in 1917, he and his family, like all things German, became suspect. Fury blazed when he failed at a concert in Providence, R. I., to play "The Star-Spangled Banner" in response to a demand which was received too late for rehearsal and which was not even transmitted to him by Maj. Henry Higginson, sponsor of the orchestra. At later appearances the national anthem was played, but Dr. Muck eventually was investigated and interned as an enemy alien.

Fortunately, during the present war, the fever of suspicion and hatred has not risen so high even in belligerent countries. It was foolish of Americans to deprive themselves of the beauties of Teutonic culture, to decry the playing of Beethoven, and to take German language courses out of the schools. Any people injures only itself when it shuts out the benefits of whatever is good in the works of any other people. May the present era of calm poise in this respect continue, and the nations that time be spared the loss of values that are universal.

"Christian Science Monitor."

THE QUEEN OF ENGLAND

There is no time when the more gracious aspects of public life are so rare and so needed as in war, and in this respect Great Britain is fortunate in the possession of one incalculable asset—the Queen.

Cabinet Ministers or military chiefs may be impressive, but it is seldom that they charm or win affection. The people have before them many examples of the sterner virtues, but few which appeal by their simplicity and ingenuous charm. But Queen Elizabeth has gone about her duties in war as in peace, a shining example of effective but unobtrusive devotion—industrious, cheerful, sensible, encouraging.

Naturally Her Majesty has interested herself in all sorts of wartime activities. She has broadcast with touching effectiveness to the woman of Britain, and her smiling face shown in the news-reels has caused pleasure such as the most beautiful actress could not inspire.

So closely has the Queen identified herself with what is simplest, most natural, and best in the life of Britain that her personality, known abroad as well as in Britain, has been a helpful influence in her country's favour. Canadian soldiers have declared that they enlisted the more willingly because they thought their Queen wanted them. In the United States, she has won friends for her country who think the more warmly of Britain because they thought warmly of her. And perhaps it may be held for a virtue of Great Britain that it has such a Queen.

Is it not both to her credit and to Britain's that her virtues and her charms are those of her nation at its best?—"Christian Science Monitor."

"UNNECESSARY"

Why should it be assumed that when a number of men are together on active service, whether in Britain, America or anywhere, the standard of entertainment that they will seek must necessarily be a lower one than that which they normally enjoy in their home lives? Those who have tuned in on concerts radiocast from soldiers' camps report that often cheering, laughter and catcalls follow the very indifferent singing of a coarsely suggestive song. But does this prove the men want vulgarity?

Does not the fear of being thought "high hat" cause those who should know better to allow the dictation on matters of taste to fall to the level of those noisy ones who provide most of the applause? This seems all wrong, because true art is universal in its appeal and were these men encouraged to expect and to find entertainment in that which is really expressive of what is good in life, instead of in merely worthless trash, is it to be supposed that they would reject such fare?

Listening to that which is wholesome must be more reminiscent of normal conditions at home than coarse vulgarity can ever be, and this would help many to overcome the nostalgia which camp life produces in the more sensitive types.

The alternative to vulgarity is not necessarily dull or "high brow." It may indeed contain the best in humour, poetry, heroic ardor. Hence, it is good to hear that instructions have gone forth to ENSA, the organisation responsible for entertaining the British troops, in the following words of commendable brevity: "Vulgarity in Army shows is unnecessary. It must cease."

We like that word "unnecessary."—"Christian Science Monitor."

OBITER DICTA

I would a hundred times be dead rather than alive in a world under the heel of Nazi dominance.—Lord Halifax.

The opinion of our people may be split on this or that question, but as regards the English there is only one opinion—destroy them.—Dr. Goebbels.

MAD DOG OF EUROPE MUST BE DESTROYED

London, To-day.

SPEAKING TO THE NATIONAL Free Church Council in London yesterday, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said: "Since this latest outrage of those monsters of wickedness in Germany, who seem to have shut the gates of mercy upon mankind, all my thoughts have been occupied with a view to counter that stroke.

"It is becoming clearer every day that our fight against Naziism is just part of the eternal war between right and wrong. Every day that passes gives some new demonstration of Germany's utter disregard of religion, mercy, truth and justice.

"If the Germans were to triumph in what they are doing then every fortress that has been built by civilisation upon the principles of Christianity would go down and the world would have relapsed into that barbarism which only a little while ago we thought had been buried under centuries of progress.

"They won't go down. Only a short time ago I declared that I felt ten times as confident as at the beginning of the war of ultimate victory.

"I repeat that confidence now.

Mad Dog

"Every victim that feels the weight of Germany's savagery adds millions to those who have already condemned her, because every act of hers makes it even more unmistakably clear that no people, however meek and peaceful, however harmless, can be safe until this mad dog is destroyed.

"Germany has made many miscalculations but none greater than this.

"This war will be won by the spiritual forces of the world, as much as by the material power of their brave defenders.

"These spiritual forces have been affronted by what Germany has done and is doing.

"I appeal to you with confidence to give us your aid to crush the powers of tyranny and wickedness for ever."—Reuter.

PROFITEER RACKET IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

OWING TO RECENT WAR DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPE, THE PRICES OF CERTAIN IMPORTED COMMODITIES, NOTABLY THOSE CHIEFLY IMPORTED FROM SCANDINAVIA, ROSE BY AS MUCH AS 85 PER CENT. DURING THE LAST WEEK.

Commenting on the situation, the "North China Daily News" writes: "Much uneasiness has been caused in trade and industrial circles in Shanghai due to the development in the European situation and further restrictions placed by Chungking on goods coming from Chekiang.

"As a result of the European situation, the prices of cotton yarn have further increased and speculative hoarding has forced prices to go up by 400 to 500 per cent.

BANKS BLAMED

"The blame for speculation is placed on local banks whose profits during the last few days ranged between \$200,000 and \$1,000,000.

"Meanwhile, Chungking is restricting the exports of timber, eggs and tobacco from Wenchow to Shanghai. Match manufacturers will especially be hard hit."—Havas.

ITALIAN ENIGMA: MUSSOLINI CANCELS A SPEECH

ROME, TO-DAY.

A MEETING ON SATURDAY MORNING, WHEN SIGNOR MUSSOLINI WAS TO HAVE MADE A SPEECH IN WHICH HE WAS EXPECTED TO REFER TO THE QUESTION OF PEACE OR WAR, HAS BEEN POSTPONED.

The meeting was the occasion of the second report of the commissioner-general for the Rome Exhibition of 1942.

Speaking on the occasion of the first report last year, Il Duce declared that if the Fascist Government entertained thoughts of war it would not be proceeding with the gigantic labour of a world exhibition.

Meanwhile, while Italian newspaper headlines continue to affirm that Germany is consolidating her position in Norway, the British communique announcing the landing forces is given the honour of a bold heading in most of the papers. "Giornale d'Italia" states it is not possible for a few days to give a true account of the respective naval losses of the Allies and Germany.

"Tribuna" develops the theme and says: "Let us wait therefore for the stabilisation of the military situation, to which seems to be linked the final collapse of the first line of the naval blockade!"—Reuter.

BRITISH STEAMER TORPEDOED

LONDON, TO-DAY.

NEWS THAT THE BRITISH STEAMER STANCLIFFE, 4,500 TONS, HAD BEEN TORPEDOED ON FRIDAY WAS ONLY KNOWN YESTERDAY, WHEN A LIFEBOAT WAS SEEN OFF THE SHETLAND COAST.

The Stancliffe was sunk off the north Scottish coast.

Three local boats went out to investigate and found 15 men in the last stages of exhaustion. There were eight bodies of dead men in the boat and a ninth, an Arab, died subsequently. They had been adrift for nearly four days.

It is feared that a second life-boat, containing 15 others, must be given up for lost.—Reuter.

PREMIER SEES THE KING

London, To-day.

The Premier was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace last evening. — British Wireless.

NAVICERTS FOR PACIFIC COAST?

Washington, To-day.

Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador, predicted to the press yesterday that the navicert system might be extended to the Pacific in order to prevent supplies from the American Pacific coast reaching Germany via Russia.—Reuter.

60,000 GERMAN TROOPS IN NORWAY

Stockholm, To-day.

The total number of German troops in Norway is estimated at 60,000 according to a report from the frontier quoting "trustworthy sources."—Reuter.

FLOOD HAVOC IN BUENOS AIRES

Buenos Aires, To-day.

Damage estimated at £200,000 has been done by floods in low-lying parts of Buenos Aires as the result of a three-day rainstorm.

Troops, firemen and police were called out to fight the floods.

The city's electricity supply partially failed plunging large areas into darkness. The aerodrome was flooded and a number of planes destroyed.

Many wooden huts in the suburbs collapsed and many are homeless. Many cattle and horses were drowned.—Reuter.

BRITISH FORCE LANDS IN FAROES

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A BRITISH FORCE HAS LANDED IN THE FAROE ISLANDS, STATED MR. R. A. BUTLER, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Mr. Butler added: "On April 10 the Governor of the Faroe Islands, in reply to communications from His Majesty's Government, agreed under present circumstances to grant such facilities as His Majesty's Government might require to prevent German forces establishing themselves in the Faroe Islands. A British force has landed."

Mr. Butler concluded by saying he had no statement to make at present about Greenland.—Reuter.

clared yesterday.

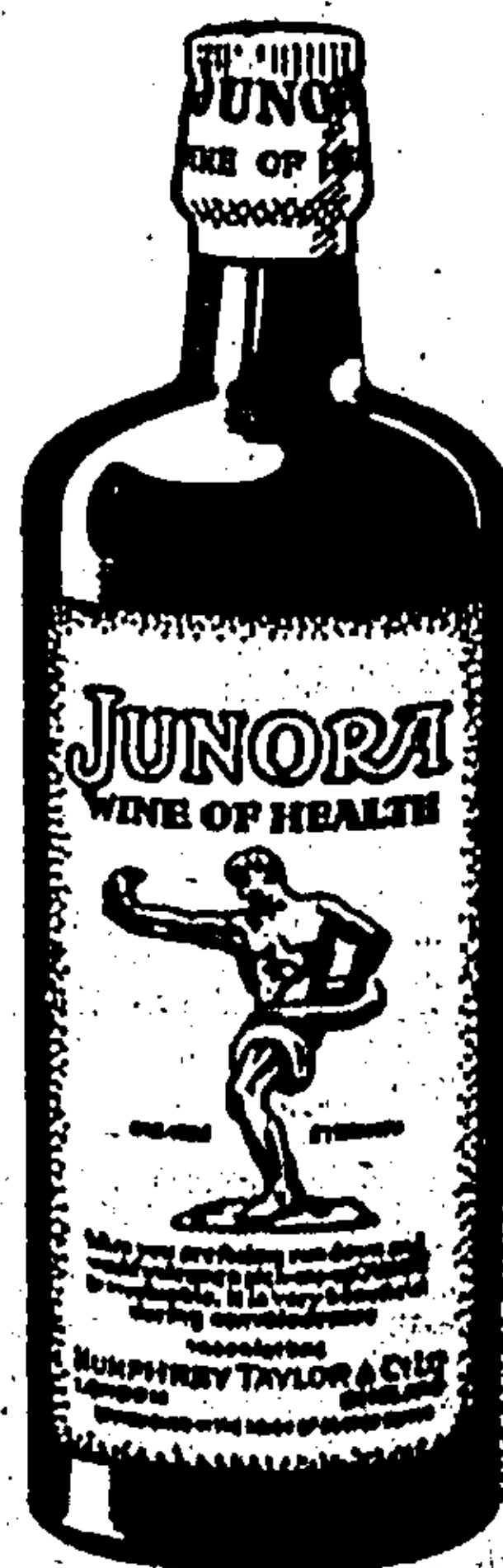
When and how the volunteers will proceed to Norway is not disclosed.

The official added that the Norwegian community solidly support the legal Norwegian Government.—Havas.

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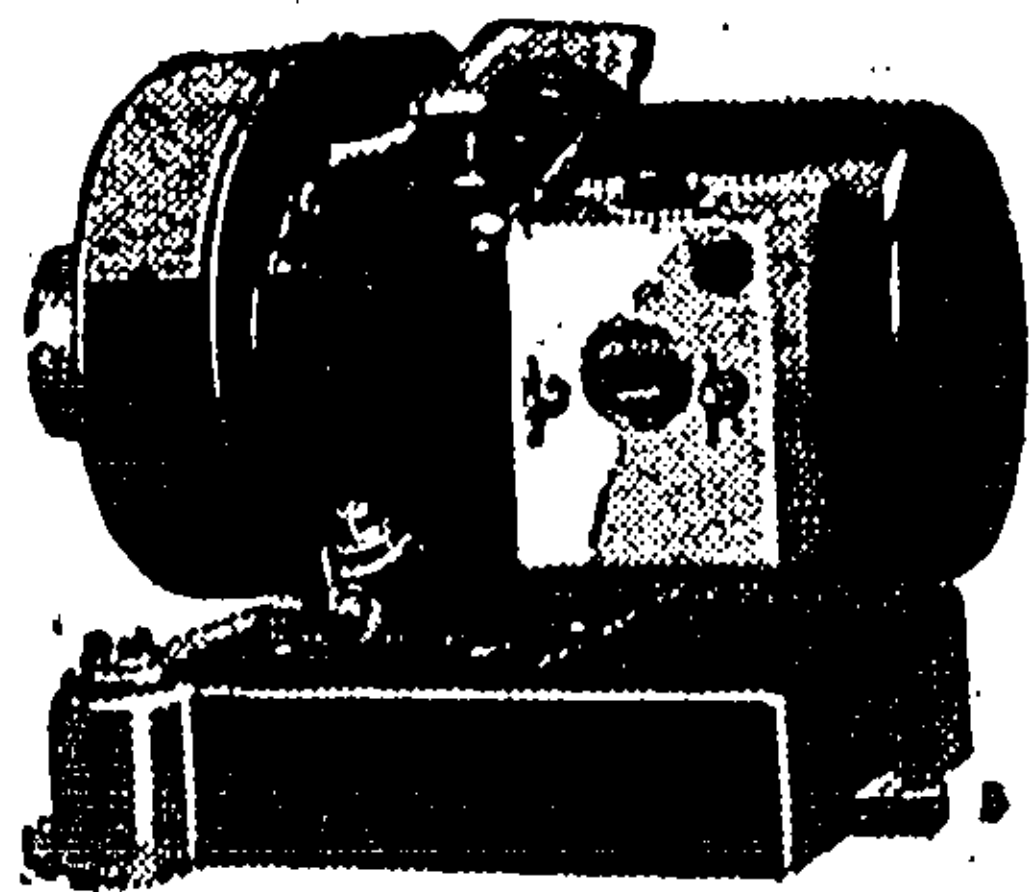
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Tokyo, To-day.

The exclusion of the Shanghai market from the yen bloc is urged by Japanese financiers in Shanghai, the "Japan Times" reports.

The financiers argue that Japanese traders would obtain a better chance to compete with foreign capital if they are free from the rigid control to which they are subjected at present.

After the reopening of the Yangtze competition will intensify and a definite advantage for Japan can be secured if Central China is cut off from the yen bloc and Japanese trade there regulated on a foreign currency export bill basis.

Such a solution would prevent the re-export of Japanese goods to countries outside the yen bloc via Shanghai and would prevent the necessity of the sending of Japanese goods to Shanghai via Hong Kong. — Havas.

CUTTING SUPPLIES

London, To-day.

In order to free the production capacity, manpower and raw materials for the export trade by a restriction of home consumption, the Board of Trade made an order yesterday which will have the effect of restriction to seventy-five percent of pre-war quantity, supplies to home retailers of cotton and rayon piece goods.

Restriction to 25 per cent. will be applicable to linen goods.—British Wireless.

HEAVY FINE ON JAPANESE CLERK

A 29-year-old Japanese clerk, Mutsuji Kawamura, of No. 27, Conduit Road, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, with giving false information to a hotel keeper on April 16.

He entered his name as H. S. Liang, a Chinese subject, at the Hong Kong Hotel.

Defendant pleaded guilty.

Det. Sergt. J. Hill said defendant had been in the Colony for the past 10 years.

Defendant said he thought it better to register as a Chinese in the Hotel than as a Japanese.

He was fined \$250.

BRITISH SHIPPING LOSSES SMALL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Only one British merchant vessel has been lost so far this month, according to the "Daily Telegraph" naval correspondent. This was a 208-ton trawler sunk in the North Sea.

In the same period Germany lost 25 merchant vessels, including troop transports.

Averaging 5,000 tons per ship, German losses amount to 125,000 tons.—Havas.

ORGANISING BRITAIN'S MANPOWER

London, To-day.

The organisation of Britain's manpower was discussed in the Commons yesterday.

The Minister of Labour, announcing the calling up date for men of 27 as May 25, mentioned that the numbers mobilised, either for military service or for reservation in vital industrial employment, had reached 1,700,000.

Since the outbreak of war, 300,000 had volunteered for the armed forces. There had to be maintained a balance of manpower as between the armed forces on the one hand and the needs of industry on the other.

Involved in that was a factor known only to the Government and which he could not divulge—the size at which the armed forces had been fixed.

The Minister dealt with measures taken to release from military duty men whose qualifications were essential to war production at home.

Mr. Ernest Brown paid a tribute to the invaluable co-operation of the Trade Unions in the organisation of industry for war. He recalled that from the beginning of rearmament, it had been emphasised repeatedly that the maximum effort would not be felt before the second or third year.

They were now reaching that stage.

THE SECRET

The Government had prepared an estimate of the probable requirements of manpower in war industry for 18 months ahead. This was a secret but employers and workers in the industries concerned had been taken into the Government's confidence.

He attributed the smooth working of all the arrangements necessary for bringing industry to the pitch of productivity the war effort required to the growth over recent years in the efficiency of the machinery for collective bargaining between the employers and the Trade Unions.—British Wireless.

BELGIUM'S TRIBUTE TO NORWAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

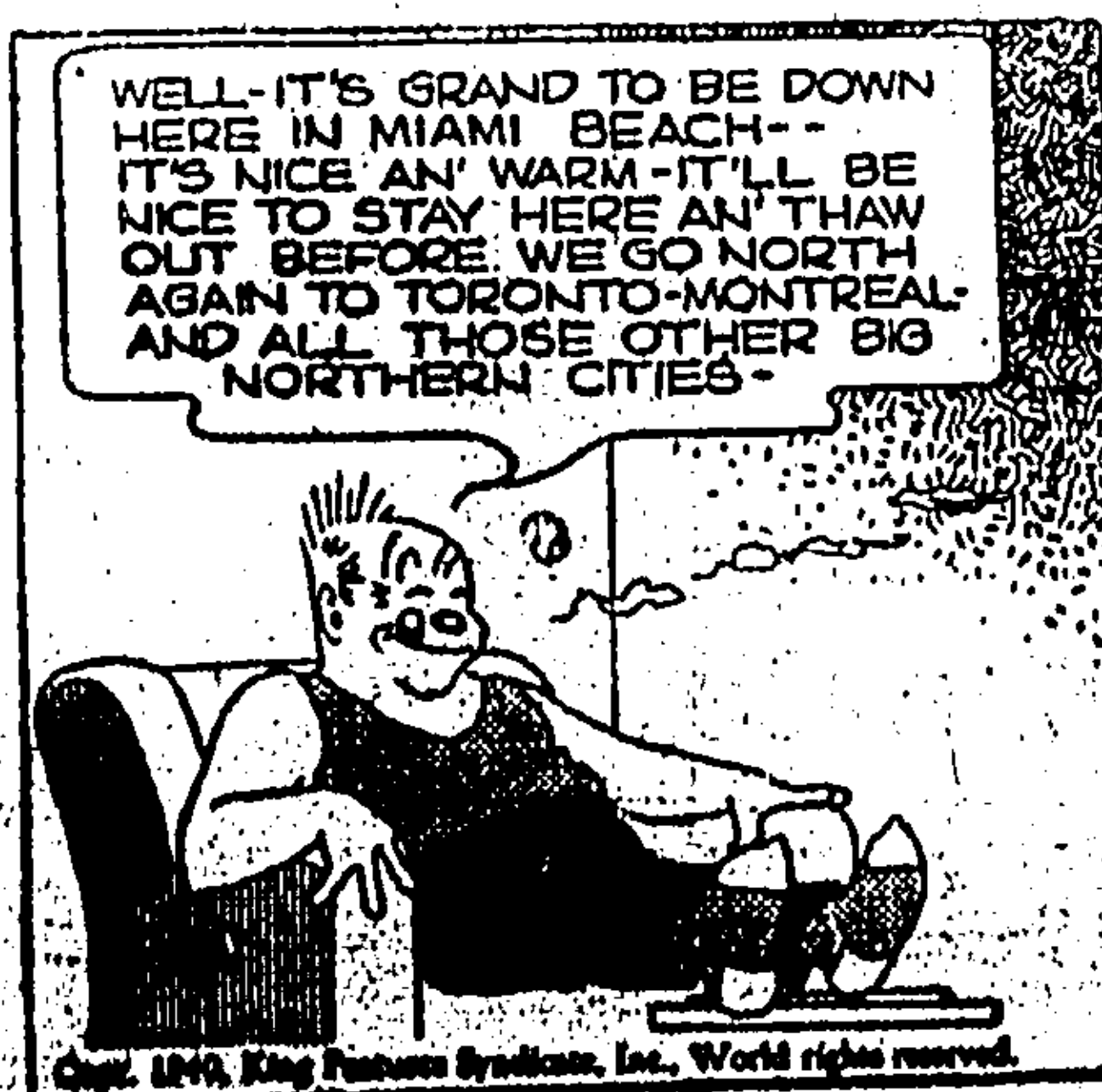
"We salute Norway in her plight from which we find both an example and a lesson," declared M. Spaak, the Foreign Minister, speaking in the Senate yesterday.

"During last week two neutral countries were attacked and invaded. We salute them affectionately.

"We shall remain faithful to the engagement we took towards Britain, France and Germany who guaranteed the integrity of our territory.

"We do not want to become the battlefield of Europe but above neutrality and love of peace there is freedom, and the only circumstance in which we would enter the war would be if we were compelled to defend our independence."—Havas.

Bringing Up Father



By George McManus

ROUND-UP IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.
A fresh police round-up of Communists has resulted in the arrest of 58 men and women in Paris, Rouen, Orleans and Toulon. Large printing presses were seized.

Fifteen men and 13 women were surprised at a secret meeting in Paris.—Reuter.

BRITAIN "CONCEDES" GREENLAND

Washington, To-day.

The British Ambassador, Lord Lothian, at a press conference following a conversation he had with State Department officials, stated neither Britain nor Canada would move into Greenland or Iceland unless it seemed certain Germany was about to seize them.

Greenland, he said, might make a good air base for Germany but they could never maintain it. "We could give them a knockout blow there very easily."

Lord Lothian expressed the belief that Greenland clearly comes within the Monroe Doctrine, being within the Western Hemisphere.

NO PLAN

When the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, was asked at his press conference whether the United States would extend a protectorate over Greenland, he said he knew of no plan to do so.

He however cited the President's recent description of Greenland as a land of the Western Hemisphere, thereby implying that Greenland comes within the scope of the Monroe Doctrine.—Reuter.

U.S. PLANES' SUCCESS

Washington, To-day.

American-made combat planes delivered to the Allies have out-fought Germany's finest aircraft and demonstrated their superiority over comparable European types, according to an official statement of the Navy Department to the Senate naval committee.

The planes referred to are slower and less modern in design than the best American planes which are now available for purchase by the Allies.—Reuter.

SWISS CALL MEN TO COLOURS

Berne, To-day.

The Swiss Federal Government is calling up on April 29 a mountain infantry regiment and two battalions of territorials.—Reuter.

BELGIUM TO DEFEND HERSELF

Brussels, To-day.

Enthusiastic cheers were accorded M. Paul Spaak, the Foreign Minister, in his speech in the Senate yesterday in which he emphasised Belgium would defend herself if attacked.

"One condition on which we should go to war would be to save our independence," he declared.

"If Belgium were dragged into war she would undergo hardships more tragic than those of any other belligerent nation."

He pledged to do his utmost to spare Belgium that misfortune, which she had not deserved.—Reuter.

TIGHTENING CONTROL OF FOREIGNERS

Brussels, To-day.

The Government has decided to tighten measures for the supervision of foreigners.

Foreigners entering the country illegally since the end of March will be expelled, while supervision will be exercised over those whose activities are open to suspicion.—Reuter.

GERMANY PROMISING AIR RAIDS

London, To-day.

The German Press has been encouraging its readers by talking about the military air-bases Germany will have in Norway from which to bomb Britain.

Actually, Stavanger is the only properly equipped military field, and military observers point out that it is futile to threaten air raids from a base which is continually under attack.

It is, of course, quite likely that the Germans are seeking new bases in Norway, but it is also quite likely that the Allied Expeditionary Force has its plans well laid and Allied bases in Norway may well become important strategic factors in the war.—Reuter.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR R.A.A.F. IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

Group-Captain F. H. McNamara, Australian air liaison officer in London, welcomed members of the Royal Australian Air Force when they arrived in London last night to reinforce the Australian squadron which arrived in England last Christmas and has since been on active service with the Coastal Command of the R.A.F.

Several members of the Royal Australian Naval Volunteer Reserve also arrived at the same time.—Reuter.



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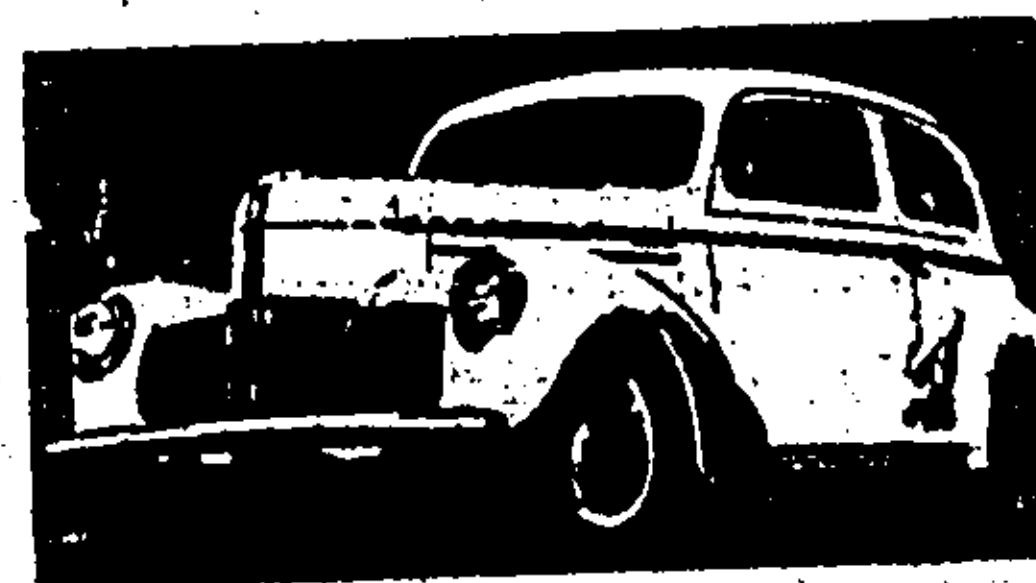
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NEUTRAL COMMENT ON OPERATIONS IN SCANDINAVIA

London, To-day.

THE "O JORNAL," of Rio de Janeiro, says Germany is being taught the severest lesson of the war; she is facing imminent defeat which will have great repercussions in Europe and Germany.

A front page article in the newspaper asserts that British domination of the seas continues and there is no further possibility of the Germans breaking the blockade. "Jornal do Commercio" emphasises the losses already sustained by Germany and asks "Where is the Russian alliance?"

It says the remaining neutrals must now realise to which side to lean.

"O Jornal" refuses to believe that Mussolini will risk the prestige of Fascism in a conflict with the Allies or place Italian youth at the service of Nazi-Communist atheism.

NORWAY'S SUCCESS

The "Social Demokraten" says: "The German action against Norway and Denmark was primarily intended to obtain bases against Britain but no one entertains the illusion that the occupation is only for the duration and that is why Norway is determined to fight."

"Norway's success is dependent on Allied help which until the landing of British forces was concentrated on striking at the German fleet."

"The battles of the last few days have greatly reduced Germany's possibilities to protect her communication lines with warships. British losses were smaller and the British Fleet does not feel such losses."

In Sofia, the paper "Mir" reviews the Scandinavian events and says: "While the first phase impressed the world with the speedy German action, the second phase is giving a clearer picture and the attempted occupation may have negative results owing to the impossibility of transporting sufficient troops."

STUCK HIS NECK OUT

The American press takes the view that Hitler "stuck his neck out" by the invasion of Norway, and makes frequent references to Trafalgar and the spirit of Nelson and Drake, while all American newspapers expressly or implicitly continue to condemn the German aggression.

Increased "unneutral" comment which arose with the invasion of Norway still continues in America. While not in great volume it is linked with impatience at the cry "British propaganda is dragging us into war."

Greenland still receives very considerable attention both in the news columns and comment.

EYES OPEN

General view seems to be following President Roosevelt's lead that Americans would do well to keep their eyes open.

Greenland is associated in several editorials with the need for increased

provision for home defence, and several columnists raise cognate questions, for example the Dutch West Indies, supposing the Nazis invade Holland.

Some papers view the future of Iceland as also a matter of concern to the United States.

A number of editorials pose the question of the superiority of warplanes or battleships. If they venture an opinion, most incline to the view that the battleship is showing itself superior.

GERMAN DOUBTS

The Stockholm correspondent of the "New York Times" who saw the German troops land at Narvik, describes how the German soldiers he talked to "hoped, yet doubted, that Germany had wrested control of the adjoining seas from Britain."

The "Herald-Tribune" supports President Roosevelt's speech as one "which Republicans as well as Democrats will applaud."

The paper says: "Hitler's nightmare has always been that once again, as in the case of Napoleon, Britain will organise Europe to suppress an attempt at the domination of Europe... the plain fact about Europe to-day is that every people in Europe, a large part of the German people included, is a potential ally of the Allies."

"There are no important exceptions. There is no people which does not dread a Nazi victory, none which does not need Hitler's eventual downfall."

BRUSSELS JUBILANT

All the Brussels papers now proclaim the importance of the Allied victory.

Thus the "Standard" writes: "It is remarkable that the air forces have not succeeded in checking battleships or even inflicting serious injury."

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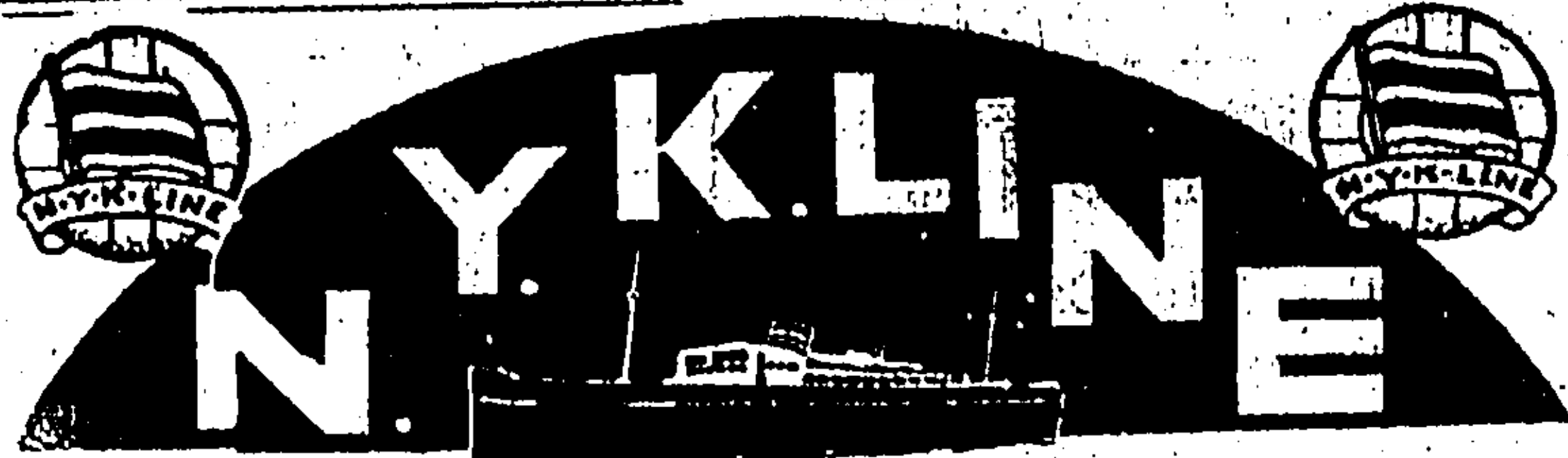
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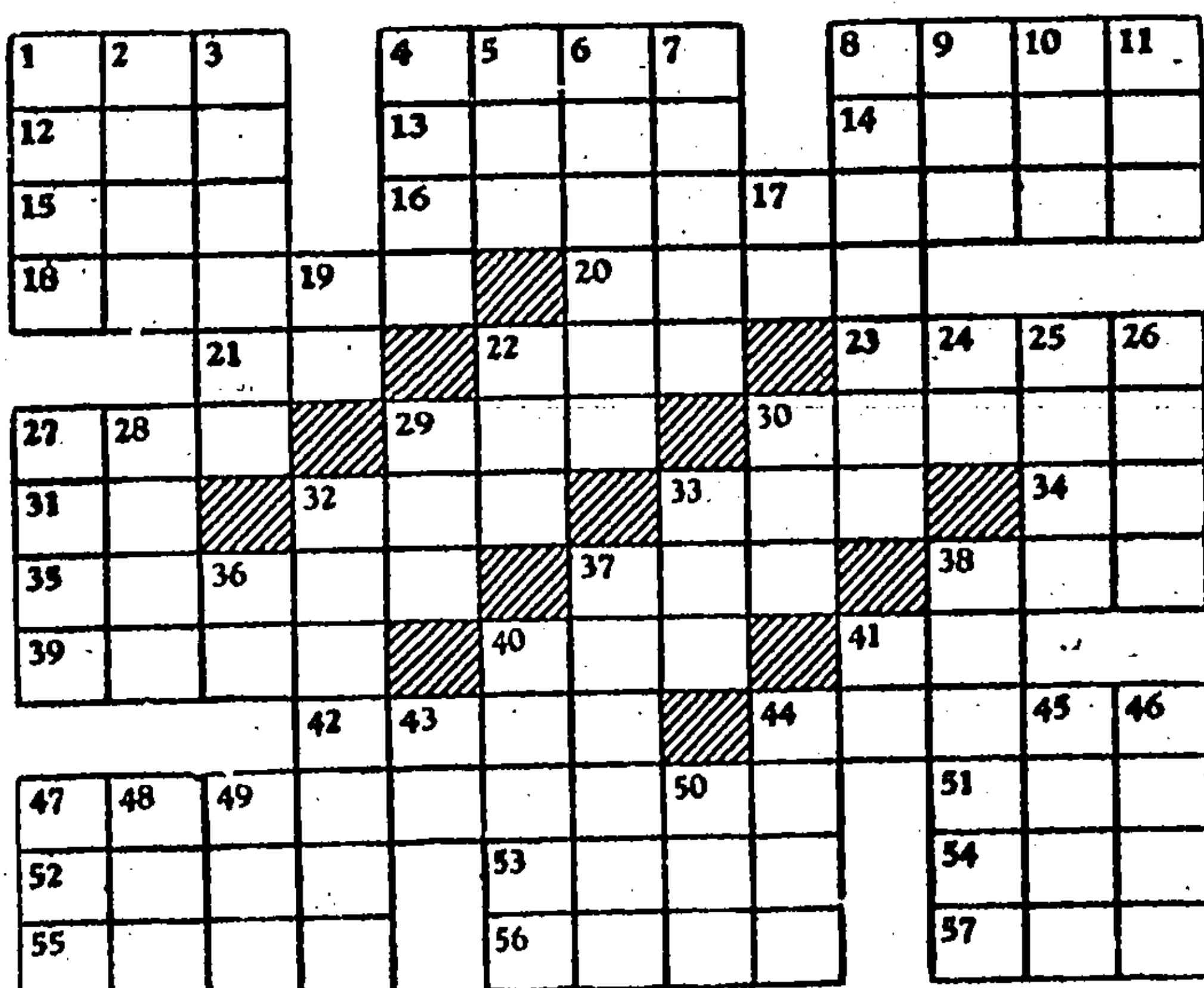
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- 21 Japanese
- measure
- 22 Bitter vetch
- 23 To enwrap
- 27 Offer
- 28 Cow genus
- 30 Narrow
- streak
- 31 Bone
- 32 Advance-
- guard
- 33 Race of
- lettuce
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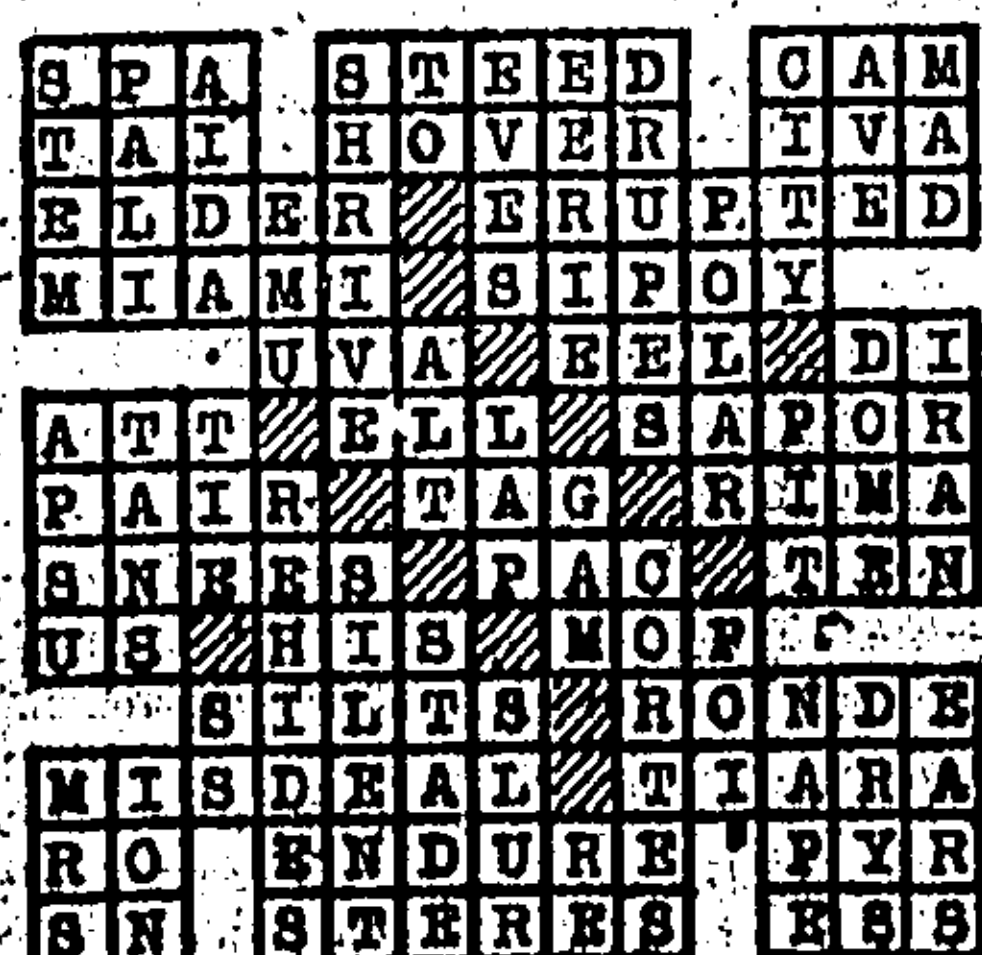
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- rulers
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- 2 Landed
- 3 To hinder
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- oils
- 7 Forecasters
- 8 Makes
- known

- 9 To disfigure
- 10 High card
- 11 Satisfied
- 17 Note of scale
- 19 Chinese
- measure
- 22 Epoch
- 24 Conjunction
- 25 Prevaricator
- 26 Alley
- 27 Snakes
- 28 Ait
- 29 Wood for
- furniture
- 30 Convulsive
- inhalation
- 32 Diversity
- 33 Demure
- 36 Note of scale
- 37 Opportunity
- 38 Bay
- windows
- 40 Place
- 41 Spanish
- article
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HONG KONG HOTEL MISSES TOURISTS

THE EFFECTS OF THE depreciation of the Chinese National Currency on receipts from North China establishments was stressed by Mr. J. Scott Harston, chairman, at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels to-day.

Mr. Scott Harston was supported by Messrs. E. M. Raymond, M. K. Lo, Lawrence Kadoorie, D. C. Edmonston, and J. H. Taggart, directors, and Mr. F. C. Barry, secretary.

After paying a very warm tribute to the late Mr. Edward Osborne, who died last year at Home, and who retired from Hong Kong in 1913 after being a resident of the Colony for 30 years and a director of the company for over 20 years, the chairman said:

With regard to the accounts, I refer first to the profit and loss account and the main item brought to the credit thereof, namely "Balance of working account \$960,143.91." This figure, although by no means unsatisfactory in the light of conditions under which trading was conducted during the period under review, compares unfavourably with the similar item credited at \$1,073,691.13 in the accounts for the previous year.

This drop of some \$113,000 in our working result for the year 1939 on comparison with that for the year 1938 is, in so far as our Hong Kong establishments are concerned, attributable to conditions connected with the outbreak of hostilities in Europe in the early part of September last year. Prior to August last the revenue derived from transient patronage at our establishments in the Colony had been fairly well maintained, although, as you are aware, real "tourist" traffic had been at a low ebb for a long time due to the disturbed conditions prevailing in China. With the advent of the war in Europe, however, tourist business ceased altogether in Hong Kong, and, moreover, a marked reduction in the volume of shipping here from Europe and other parts of the world immediately followed. The consequent heavy decrease in the number of passenger arrivals in the Colony affected most adversely the volume of business we usually derived from all classes of transient visitors. Nevertheless I am pleased to be able to state that the volume of local support accorded our various restaurants, ball rooms, and cafes in Hong Kong reveals an increased preference during the year 1939 on making comparison with results for 1938.

In connection with the company's activities in North-China during the year 1939, the operation of the Palace Hotel for that period affords a very pleasing result. Although that establishment has constituted a popular rendezvous in Shanghai over a long period, it has during 1939 (stimulated by various improvements made to guest accommodation and to public rooms during the year) achieved results of a record standard. Unfortunately, the further deterioration in the exchange value of Shanghai currency which occurred last year, offset to a material extent the advantage of increased earnings when conversion

thereof had to be made to Hong Kong currency for merger in the general accounts.

With regard to the Astor House Hotel, Shanghai, you will recollect I reported to you at our last annual meeting that the hotel and its contents had been leased for a term of three years from the first of January, 1939.

The hotel in Peiping operated by our subsidiary company continues to show excellent results, and in respect of its last financial year ended on June 30, 1939, furnished a record profit. Here also the severe depreciation of the Chinese National Currency deprived the parent company of a substantial portion of the benefit in respect of its holding. The item "Dividend on Investments" shown in the profit and loss account at \$20,884.56 includes \$20,647.06 in respect of the dividend (at the rate of P.\$3.00 per Share) on the company's holding in the Grand Hotel des Wagons-Lits, Ltd. as against a dividend amounting to \$18,870.87 from the same source in 1938. Although a welcome increase is thus shown, it must be pointed out that the rates of the dividends declared in respect of the years ended June 30, 1938, and 1939, were P.\$1.25 per Share, and P.\$3.00 per Share, respectively, so that the actual net increase of only some H.K.\$1,800.00 appears meagre—this being due, as I have already shown, to the depreciation in the Chinese National Currency.

Other items in the profit and loss account are normal and do not appear to require comment from me with the exception of "Bad and Doubtful Debts Written Off" in the sum of \$22,323.58—which charge is some \$6,600.00 in excess of the like provision made in the accounts for the previous year.

Such excess is attributable to the reserve it is deemed prudent to make to cover the outstanding accounts of German patrons, for, although it would appear that in the majority of cases the debtors owned assets sufficient to clear the whole of their indebtedness, the liquidators of estates concerned advise that the Custodian of Enemy Property has intimated that a settlement of claims must await the arrangements to be made on the conclusion of hostilities.

The net profit earned over the financial year 1939 is \$683,558.16, a drop of some \$127,000 when compared with the net result for 1938—and on bringing forward the sum of \$317,560.44 carried over from the 1938 Accounts an amount of \$1,001,118.60 is available for appropriation.

Passing to the balance sheet and dealing with the assets side, I would refer to the augmentation shown in respect of certain assets. The com-

CABLE AND WIRELESS INCREASE DIVIDEND

London, To-day.

Main features of the Stock Exchange quiet markets yesterday was a sharp advance in Cable and Wireless ordinary stock from 61½ to 63¼ on the announcement that total distribution for the year was 4 per cent compared with 3¼ per cent previously.

Among the commodities tin was firmer owing to active covering induced by indications of reductions in warehouse stocks.

Wall Street was irregular.—Reuter.

paratively small increases to buildings and machinery and plant form part of the improvements to the Palace Hotel, Shanghai, effected during the year. The material additions to furniture and fixtures amounting to \$222,873.46 are the result of the general measures taken during the year in continuation of our modernization policy—such expenditure having taken place in connection with all the establishments in Hong Kong, and the Palace Hotel in Shanghai. The items are abundant and varied; with regard to local establishments you are doubtless familiar with the many improvements effected. From my previous remarks in connection with the Palace Hotel, Shanghai, you will have gathered that the expenditure there has already borne fruit, but it should be borne in mind that the prevailing war conditions affecting Hong Kong have undoubtedly caused postponement of a fully commensurate return in respect of the Hong Kong expenditure.

Turning to the liabilities side, you will note that the conversion of the Shanghai accounts on merger necessitated an appropriation from exchange fluctuation account of \$48,099.27, owing to the exchange rate having slumped from 173 to 310 during the course of the year.

The liability to trade creditors at \$304,036.08 is \$87,000 less than the liability under that heading at the end of 1938.

At the end of 1939 the company was in overdraft with the bank to the extent of \$311,291.23 whereas at the end of the previous year there were funds with the Bank amounting to some \$200,000. This changed position is due to the financing of the dividend declared last year amounting to \$716,320.20, the capital additions, the acquisition of the extra stocks, and the reduction in the amount due to sundry trade creditors.

Although it is difficult to forecast future prospects, during the first quarter of the current year our hotels in the North have been doing business to full capacity, but, as you know, the offset of exchange deterioration has worsened since the turn of last year. Hong Kong establishments have derived from passenger arrivals an improved business over that for the last quarter of the year 1939, but the volume falls far short of the standard to be expected in the first quarter in normal times.

At this juncture I desire to record an expression of sincere appreciation of the good work done by the staffs in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Peiping including the company's agents in the Northern Cities, and especially including Mr. Suckling, our General Manager, who was in charge of the Company's interests during the absence of our Managing Director, Mr. Taggart, last Summer, all of whom have throughout the year devoted themselves assiduously to the interests of the company in times of exceptional difficulty. I have no doubt that you will ratify your Directors' recommendation by voting a bonus of ten per cent on their salaries in tangible recognition of their loyal co-operation.

During the year Mr. A. Morse of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was invited to a seat on the board and your directors are much indebted to him for the able quality of his assistance in their deliberations. He has recently been compelled to sever his association with us due to his transfer to a London appointment, and his colleague, Mr. D. C. Edmonston, has accepted your board's invitation to the vacant seat. It is my great pleasure to extend welcome to Mr. Edmonston to-day, and to express the wish that it will be our good fortune to be able to count upon his competent help over a long term.

The report and accounts were approved unanimously.

The appointments of Messrs. Morse and Edmonston to the directors' board were confirmed and Mr. E. M. Raymond was re-elected a director.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors, a payment of \$3,300 for extra services performed by them last year, being also sanctioned.

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Mr. W. A. Mackinlay pleaded not guilty on behalf of the Company.

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The Indo-China Steam Navigation Company announce that after providing for all expenditure the net profit of the ships for 1939 is £26,239.18d; with the carry forward of £20,051.14.0d., the net gain on two ships sold of £18,305.13.0d. and £26.18.7d. for transfer fees the total figure at the credit of Appropriation Account is £64,623.7.3d.

The Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at Jardine's on the 30th of May when, if shareholders approve, the following appropriations will be made:—To pay a Dividend of 6% in respect of the year 1927 on 49,589 Cumulative Preferred Ordinary Shares, £14,876.14.0d; To transfer to General Reserve £20,000; To transfer to Reserve for Special Repairs and Renewals, £10,000; To carry forward to 1940, £19,746.13.3d.

PORTUGUESE YOUTH SENT TO GAOL

On discovery that accused's finger prints matched some of those at the showroom of Messrs. Gilman's which was burgled on March 30, an additional charge of shop-breaking against Noel Silvio, 21, was made when he appeared before Mr. E. Himsworth this morning.

Det.-Sgt. Nolan, prosecuting, said Silvio was arrested at the Kent Book Store in Nathan Road, last Saturday when he tried to sell three radio-sets and a portable gramophone.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed.

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U.S. BASEBALL

FELLER'S FINE START

New York To-day.—The American baseball season started yesterday when a full programme was featured by the excellent performance of Feller of Cleveland Indians, who pitched the first no hit no run game.

Several home runs were scored in both Leagues.

President Roosevelt pitched the first ball in the game between Boston Red Sox and Washington Senators which was won by the former by the only run scored.

Results were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	R.	H.	E.	
Brooklyn	5	7	1	
Boston	0	5	1	
(Wyatt pitched).				
Chicago	1	6	2	
Galan homered.				
Cincinnati	2	8	0	
McCormick and Goodman homered.				
Philadelphia	3	6	2	
Suhr homered.				
N. Y. Giants	1	3	2	
Pittsburg	6	15	3	
Davis homered.				
St. Louis	4	7	1	
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
N. Y. Yankees	1	6	0	
Philadelphia	2	6	1	
(Game went to 10 inning).				
Johnson homered.				
Cleveland	1	6	1	
Chicago	0	0	1	
Feller pitched.				
St. Louis	5	10	0	
(Judrich homered).				
Detroit	1	7	2	
Boston	1	7	1	
Washington	0	2	1	
Grove pitched.				

—Reuter.

PLEA FOR LENIENCY

A plea for leniency on behalf of a prisoner was made by a police officer at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. F. Himsworth this morning when Lam King, 38, married woman, of Takuling Road, was charged with harbouring a deportee.

Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman said she harboured her brother, a life banished, in her house which the police raided. Apparently, she took pity on him, added the Sergeant and asked that she be treated leniently.

She was fined \$10, or one month. Her brother, Lam Fu, 18, charged with a breach of the Deportation Ordinance, was sentenced to three months.

GERMANY BUILDING "DANUBE FLOTILLA"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

Germany is constructing in the Danube a flotilla consisting of a large number of monitors, tugs and river-gunboats, the latter heavily armoured and fitted with one gun and several machine-guns.

Seven gunboats have been built and many others will be ready shortly.—Havas.

COTTAGE CLUB

The next Cottage Club paper-hunt will be held from Dill's corner on Saturday, at 3.30 p.m.

Riders are asked to congregate at 3 p.m. at the Club House, from where car transport will be provided to the meet.

Club ponies will be sent to the start and riders of private ponies are asked to make their own arrangements.

C.C.C. CRICKET TEAM

The following will represent Craigengower Cricket Club in their Second Division Cricket League Match against Civil Service C.C. on Saturday:—B. R. Iranee (Capt.); N. Broadbridge, A. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, A. M. Omar, W. K. Way and J. L. Youngs.

Secretary:—W. Broadbridge.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that a moderate anticyclone extends from North China, across Japan to the Pacific, pressure being highest over the Sea of Japan.



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A.R.P. IN SWEDEN

Stockholm, To-day. The A.R.P. scheme for Sweden which came into force yesterday covers the whole country, not just the south and west. All A.R.P. workers are standing by and all ports in southern and western Sweden are closed to foreign shipping.—Reuter.

DENMARK'S OIL STOCKS

London, To-day.

The Minister of Economic Warfare in the Commons, said that, according to his information, stocks of motor spirit and Diesel oil in Denmark at the time of the German invasion were probably as follows:

Petroleum products, not more than 200,000 tons, equivalent to an average of 3½ months' requirements on the estimated consumption before the invasion;

Motor spirit 80,000 tons, slightly under 4 months' consumption; and

Gas fuel and diesel oil together, 61,000 tons, equivalent to 2½ months' consumption. — British Wireless.

CHUNGKING PARTY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.

THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR, M. HENRI COSME, WAS HOST AT A GARDEN PARTY HERE YESTERDAY.

Dr. H. H. Kung, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Chen Li-fu, General Feng Yushiang and other prominent Chinese, as well as the Diplomatic Corps, attended.

Another reception was held yesterday by Dr. H. H. Kung in honour of Madame Sun Yat-sen.—Havas.

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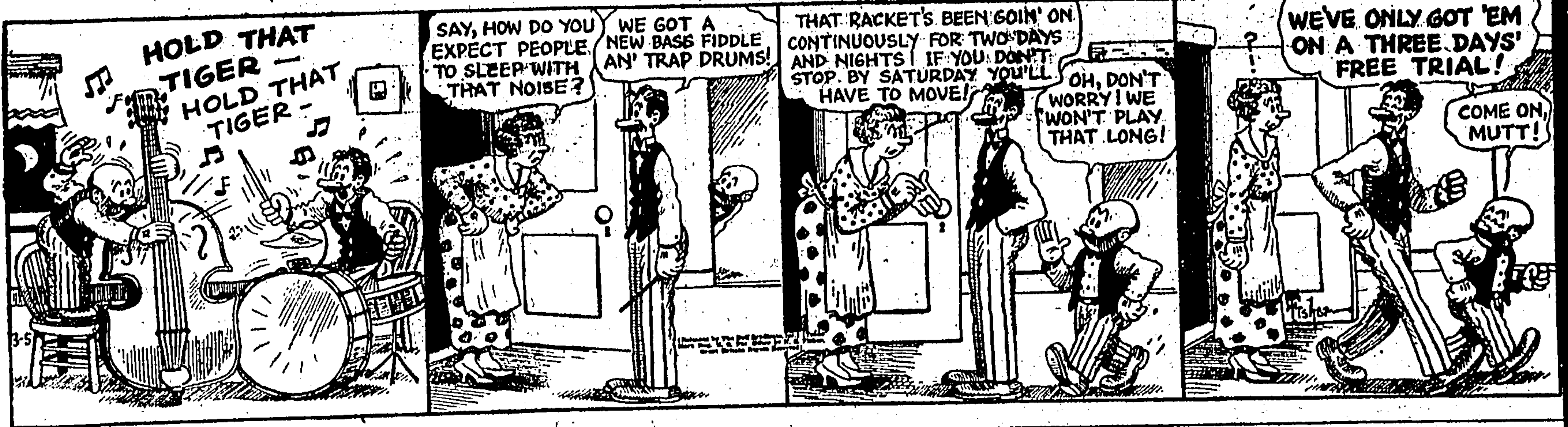
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To-day's Wireless

Beethoven
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6.00 p.m.—Compositions of Brahms.
Hungarian Dance No. 1....Grisha
Goluboff (Violin) with Ivor New-
ton at the Piano.
Little Sandman....Comedy Har-
monists (Vocal) with Piano.
Waltzes—Nos. 4, 5, 6, 13, 14, 15 and
16 (Op. 39)....Anatole Kitain
(Piano).
Sonata in E Flat Major for Clarinet
& Piano, Op. 120, No. 2....Fre-
derick Thurston (Clarinet) and
Myers Foggia at the Piano.
Hungarian Dance No. 6 in B Flat
Major....Yehudi Menuhin (Vio-
lin) with Piano accomp. by Marcel
Gazelle.
6.40 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.
6.42 p.m.—Ballads by Derek Oldham
(Tenor) and Mavis Bennett (So-
prano).

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7.00 p.m.—Light Orchestral.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Latest Variety and Dance
Music.
8.30 p.m.—London Relay—"What I saw
of Nazi Rule in Germany". Speech
by Sir Neville Henderson at one of
Foyle's Literary Luncheons.
9.00 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.
April Smiles (Depret); Spring Waltz
(Lincke)....Vienna Boheme
Orchestra.
"Eva" Waltzes (from the Operetta
"Eva"—Lehar); Carmen Sylva—
Waltz (Ivanovici)....International

Concert Orchestra.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Sum-
mary.
9.30 p.m.—Studio—Talk on "The
Chinese Post Office".

9.45 p.m.—Coleridge-Taylor—"Otello"
Suite. New Symphony Orchestra
cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.
10.00 p.m.—Flute Solos by Marcel
Moyse.
10.10 p.m.—The Kentucky Minstrels.
10.20 p.m.—Beethoven—Quartet In E
Flat Major, Op. 127. Busch Quartet.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



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SAVING RE-ENTRIES

Sometimes in the play of a hand
the Declarer may find that while he
seems to have a sufficient number of
tricks, actually he can't get at them
because of a lack of re-entries. For
example, in to-day's hand South, in
order to be able to enter dummy
twice, had to "kill" one of his own
tricks.

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ J 10
♥ A K 5 4
♦ Q 10 6 2
♣ 8 7 3
♠ Q 6 3
♥ 10 9 8 7
♦ 7 5 4
♣ 6 5 2
N
E
S
W
♠ A K 8 2
♥ Q J 3
♦ A K
♣ A J 10 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2NT	Pass	4NT	Pass
6NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the ten of hearts and
South saw that if he simply ran off
four heart tricks, he would have no
re-entry to dummy.

Thus he won the first
trick with the Queen,
led a small heart to
dummy's King, then
played a club. When
East split his club
honours, South
and forced out East's
other honour. East
played a third club.

Declarer won and, on his last club
discarded a spade from dummy.

Next South cashed his two top dia-
monds, then played the Jack of hearts,
overtaking with dummy's Ace. Dum-
my's Queen of diamonds was now

played, and at this point East held the
guarded Jack of diamonds and two
spades, and West had retained three
spades to the Queen plus a heart,
which was now high. West of course
had to let go of a spade, and now
South's three spades won the remain-
ing tricks.

Declarer had made his contract in
an unusual manner. First, he had
established a heart trick for West and
then squeezed him out of it.

Yesterday, with neither side vulner-
able, you were David Bruce Burns-
tone's partner and held:

♠ A x
♥ K J x x
♦ J 9 7 5 4
♣ 10 x

The bidding:

You	Moler	Burnstone	Jacoby
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♦	3♦	Pass
Pass	8♦	Pass	Pass

ANSWER: Pass. You should not
risk doubling your opponents into
game. Remember, partner has passed
originally and may not have much de-
fensive strength.

Score 100% for pass, 30% for dou-
ble, 10% for three spades.

QUESTION NO. 886

Neither side is vulnerable. You are
Oswald Jacoby's partner and hold:

♠ A K x x x
♥ x
♦ K 10 9 x x
♣ x x

The bidding:

You	Schenken	Jacoby	Moler
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer
concealed.)

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MOTORCAR EXPORT PLANS

LONDON, TO-DAY.
A MOTOR EXPORT GROUP HAS
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Export production plans comprise
motor vehicles of a basic trade value
of £12,000,000 annually, and motor
parts and accessories of the value of
£3,000,000.

Mr. W. E. Roote, chairman of the
group and President of the Society,
said yesterday that the figures did not
necessarily represent the full exte-
of the export drive.

Throughout the first 7 months of
the war, the export of thousands of
vehicles a week had been maintained
with the total exceeding 30,000.

Empire demand had been excep-
tionally good, particularly from Aus-
tralia, India, Malaya and Ceylon, and
increased numbers had also been sent
to many foreign markets including
Uruguay, Argentina and Portugal. —
British Wireless.

BMMSA OPENS DOORS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

The British Mercantile Marine
Services' Association has opened its
membership to Danish, Norwegian and
Polish masters and officers serving
under the British flag.—Reuter.

STOPPING PACIFIC LEAKAGE

LONDON, TO-DAY.
The Minister of Economic Warfare
was asked in the Commons yesterday
about what the questioner described
as ships of different nationalities
clearing the port of Los Angeles load-
ed with all kinds of war materials
for Vladivostok.

Mr. Cross said his Ministry had a
large volume of information about
the shipments from Los Angeles and
other American ports to Vladivostok.

Where there was sufficient evidence
that the ultimate destination of the
goods was Germany all possible steps
were taken to detain them.—British
Wireless.

FALL IN FOOD PRICES

LONDON, TO-DAY.
A very slight fall in the cost of
living is shown by a Labour Ministry
announcement that on April 1, the
index figure was 78 per cent. above
the level of July, 1914, as compared
with 79 per cent. on March 1.

The figure for food alone shows a
fall of three points or about 2 per
cent. which is due to a decline in the
prices of eggs which had reached an
abnormally high level at the begin-
ning of March owing to the severe
weather in February.—British Wire-
less.



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CRICKET NOTES

Difficulties In Securing Ground For Play-Off

League Trying To Arrange Game For Saturday

M. R. ABBAS FIRST BOWLER TO REACH 30 WICKETS

(By "ADREM")

THE SENIOR CRICKET LEAGUE, for 1939-40 is now ended as Civil Service have decided, in view of the lateness of the season, not to play off their matches against Craigen-gower and Army—the only fixtures outstanding.

Junior Division is on its last legs as the top positions have been decided, with Police and Indian Recreation Club tying for first place.

At the time of writing, no arrangements have been completed for the play-off on Saturday, as, I understand, is the intention, chiefly owing to the difficulty of securing a ground. The League authorities, however, have the matter in hand and every effort is being made to fix the match.

Police, although B. C. Fay, on whom a great deal of reliance was being placed, failed to turn up on Saturday, won surprisingly easily against Craigen-gower. Although they were up against a bowling side which, on paper, looked as strong as any attack in Junior Division, the Police batsmen found little difficulty in scoring runs and they were able to declare at 188 for 6.

BIG PARTNERSHIP

Pope was easily the highest scorer,

COMPLETE RESULTS OF H.K.V.D.C. RIFLE MEETING

Following are the complete final results of the H.K.V.D.C. Annual Rifle Meeting:—

CORPS CHAMPIONSHIP

Class I:—Lt. Austin (No. 4) 64; Lt. Hamilton (M.C.) 60; Cpl. Hammond (No. 1 Coy.) 58; Capt. Dewar (No. 7 Coy.) 52; Pte. Tocher (Mob. Coln.) 50; Lt. Holmes (No. 1 Coy.) 50; Sgt. Salter (No. 4 Coy.) 49; Pte. Curtis (No. 2 Coy.) 48.

Class II:—Spr. Pao (Fd. Coy. Engrs.) 56; Pte. Aman (No. 1 Coy.) 51; Pte. Wong (No. 4 Coy.) 47; Pte. Marvin (Stanley Pl.) 47; Gnr. Stone (1st Battery) 44; L/Cpl. So (No. 4 Coy.) 42; Pte. Lomaev (Mob. Coln.) 42; Signm. Ip (Corps Sigs.) 42.

Class III:—Signm. Salter (Corps Sigs.) 48; Pte. Antonio (No. 6 Coy.) 48; Pte. Castro, A. J. (No. 6 Coy.) 45; Pte. Castro, R.A. (No. 5 Coy.) 41; Pte. Jitta (No. 3 Coy.) 40.

MUSKETRY COMPETITION

Class I:—Cpl. Hammond (No. 1 Coy.) 57; L/Sgt. Remedios (No. 5 Coy.) 57; Sgt. Swan (No. 2 Coy.) 55; Lt. Anderson (No. 3 Coy.) 54; L/Cpl. Crawford (Mob. Coln.) 53; Pte. Gutierrez (No. 6 Coy.) 53; Sgt. Baleros (No. 6 Coy.) 53; Sgt. Johnson (3rd Baty.) 52; Capt. Dewar (No. 7 Coy.) 52.

Class II:—McTavish (Stanley Pl.) 55; Gnr. Stone (1st Bty) 52; Cpl. Yeung (No. 4 Coy.) 50; Pte. Prettejohn (No. 3 Coy.) 48; Pte. Hircok (Stanley Pl.) 46.

Class III:—Pte. Rosario (No. 5 Coy.) 51; Signm. Salter (Corps Sigs.) 50; Pte. Castro, R.A. (No. 5 Coy.) 49; Gnr. Landau (1st Bty.) 46; Pte. Manson (No. 3 Coy.) 43.

BLAKE SHIELD

Class I:—No. 1 Coy. A (Major H. Owen-Hughes, Capt. R. M. Wood, Lt. L. B. Holmes, Cpl. Hammond, 183, Corps A 165; Corps H.Q. 158.

FRANCIS CUP

Class I:—No. 6 Coy. A (Sgt. Baleros, L/C. Xavier, L/C. Pereira, Pte. Ribeiro), 122; Corps Sigs. A 121; 2nd Battery B 119; No. 1 Coy. A 112; No. 5 Coy. A 111; Mob. Coln. A 111; No. 3 Coy. A 108.

Class II:—No. 6 Coy. (Pte. Sequeira, Noronha, Antonio, Castro) 109; No. 5 Coy. 90; No. 3 Coy. 88.

FALLING PLATE

No. 5 Coy. A (L/Sgt. Remedios, C.S.M. Britto, L/Cpl. Remedios, Pte. Castro) 14; No. 1 Coy. D 13; Stanley Platoon A 11; No. 2 Coy. B 11.

Revolver Competition:—L/Bdr. Tansey (1st Bat.) 68.

SENIOR CHAMPIONS TO CELEBRATE

Senior League cricket champions, Kowloon Cricket Club, will celebrate their success on Tuesday next when they will be entertained to a curry-dinner at the club by Mr. F. Goodwin, captain of the club.

Prata reaching double-figures.

Abbas again bowled well for I. R. C. and took three wickets, which makes him the first bowler in either division of the League to reach an aggregate of 30 wickets.

He conceded only 9 runs in his first 8 overs and finished up with 3 for 18 in 11.2 overs. J. M. A. Rumjahn met with most success, securing 5 for 30 in 9 overs.

I. R. C., despite the simple task confronting them, were in difficulties right away and their first five wickets fell for only 33 runs. With eight wickets down, they still required six runs and, as Reereo's fielding was now razor-keen, anything might have happened.

Fortunately for the Indians, however, Razack was still there and the runs were hit off without further loss.

Razack's 26 definitely saved his side and it was chiefly due to his fine defensive powers, that I. R. C. live to fight it out with Police.

Guterres bore the brunt of Reereo's attack, although M. A. Remedios and A. M. Prata returned the best analyses.

K.C.C. BEAT JEWISH R.C.

In a friendly badminton match played at the Jewish Recreation Club last night, Kowloon Cricket Club beat the home team by 6 games to 3.

NAVY SCORE ANOTHER GOOD VICTORY

FIELDING THE SAME TEAM which defeated South China "A" last Saturday, Navy accounted for the "B" team at Caroline Hill yesterday by the only goal scored ten minutes after the start by Thorburn.

Roughley and Honeywell were safe backs for Navy and, with Nichols in great form in the centre-half berth, Chan Tak-fai was not as dangerous as usual.

Britt and Honeywell, the wing halves, gave the defence ample support though they did not assist their forwards enough. The early lead gained by Navy enabled them to play more on the defensive.

Robinson, in goal, gave another good display and brought off some good saves. The ones from Chan Tak-fai, early in the game, and later from Tam Chan-kin were most noteworthy.

LE PAGE SHINES

Le Page and Bourne were two good wingers, with Le Page slightly the better of the two. In the centre Hendy worked hard while Thorburn was a great trier, although he did not combine well with Bourne.

Chinese were without Cheung Wing-choy and his place was taken by Shu Tim-lin. They started attacking from the start and were unlucky when well placed. Chan Tak-fai was well held in the centre and it was left to the wingers, Lee Shek-yau and Yeung Shui-yick to provide the danger to the Navy goal. The work of Britt and Honeywell rendered them less effective.

Yeung Kan-po and Tam Chan-kin had to forage for themselves and, though they had plenty of room in which to manoeuvre, they were not able to send any useful passes to their other forwards.

In defence Lam Tak-po was outstanding with his heading and clearances, while Kwok Ying-kee gave another sound display at left half.

Hau Yung-sang and Lau Wai-piu were good in their clearances though the latter was not so safe in his tackling.

Navy:—Robinson; Roughley, Honeywell, R. Honeywell, Nichols, Britt; Phipps, Le Page, Hendy, Thorburn, Bourne.

South China:—Shu Tim-lin, Hau Yung-sang, Lau Wai-piu, Kwok Ying-kee, Lam Tak-po, Lee Tat-sung, Cheung Lai-sing, Tam Chan-kin, Chan Tak-fai, Yeung Kan-po, Lee Shek-yau.

HOKEY TEAM

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. in a hockey match against H. M. Athletes on the "B" ground at 5.15 p.m. tomorrow:—Millington, Jordan, and Yuen; Coombe, McEllen, and Waldron; Corser, Gemmell, Farnington, Baldwin and Highlands.

Diocesan Boys' School will hold their annual athletic sports at the school commencing at 11 a.m. to-day.

TRIALS OF THE POLICE

(By "ADREM")

The three blank Saturday's which we had in the course of the last month may mean the Junior Cricket championship to the sporting Police team.

If the play-off is arranged for Saturday, Police, at best, will only be to field a skeleton of their team of last week. P. H. Loughlin and Freddie Forrest are proceeding home on leave in the course of the next few days, J. L. Stephens is still in hospital and is unlikely to be able to play, while A. E. Carey is nursing an injured leg and is also a doubtful starter.

Of other members of the force who might have been called upon, C. W. E. Heath, who returned some very fine bowling figures last season, is also off to the United Kingdom.

BAKER MIGHT PLAY

I understand, however, that B. G. "Ginger" Baker, who, together with Pope, formed one of the most successful junior bowling combinations in the two seasons preceding the one just concluding, might be persuaded to come out of his shell.

Since his return from leave some months ago, he has not made one appearance in the Police team but he has kept himself in fine physical shape with tennis and would not require more than a net or two to get his arm in.

I sincerely hope that Pope will be able to raise a decent side as frankly I would like to see Police win the shield. They have been well up with the leaders for several seasons, are always a fine side to play against, and it would be interesting to see them in Senior Division next season, as it is quite possible that a Junior League title would encourage them to try their skill in more august company.



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COLONY TENNIS

BRILLIANT SERVING IN YESTERDAY'S MATCH

Tennie Kwok's Fine Display Against Y.P. Tsui

FINE STANDARD ON STAND COURT

By "ADREM"

A HANDFUL OF PAYING spectators at the Stand Court of Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday, were treated to some of the finest tennis seen this year in the Colony tennis tournament.

Tsui Yan-pui beat Tennie Kwok 12-10, 6-1 and, as the score of the first set indicates, was thoroughly extended.

I would like to have seen this match played on a dry, hard court. Kwok's stroking gave the impression that it would have been far more effective under these conditions and, I have little doubt, an even tenser struggle would have resulted.

Yesterday first set was completely governed by service. Both men were remarkably consistent in this department and maintained their accuracy and pace throughout. It was noticeable, however, that whereas Tsui usually had little difficulty in holding his service games, Kwok had several hard struggles. Answer to this was Tsui's better stroke equipment. Kwok was always tentative on the forehand, although, as the match progressed, he used his backhand with some effect for raids on the net.

REFRESHING TENNIS

Overhead both men went for kills and for the most part the volleying was crisp and deep into the corners, with outright winners the result.

The tennis, as a result, was refreshing to watch, it being such a contrast to the safety-first methods usually in operation.

Having regard to subsequent games, it appears quite likely that Kwok would have won that first set had he managed to hold on to his service in the fourth game. He had game point on several occasions for a 3-1 lead but Tsui, realising the danger, fought

back hard and managed to level at 12-all.

Thereafter games went with service until the 15th., when Kwok broke through for an 8-7 lead. At this stage Tsui removed his sweater! Kwok let his opportunity slip through over-anxiety and, for some reason unable to get his first service across, lost the game and a big advantage.

On they went again. Both men went in on their first services to volley defensive returns and once again games went with service. At the 22nd., however, Tsui broke through for game and set.

ANTI-CLIMAX

The second set proved an anti-climax. Tsui piled on pressure, serving with even more power and hitting hard off the ground. Kwok was forced into errors and collapsed in all phases of the game for Tsui to win the set at the seventh game to end a most interesting match.

Tsui served yesterday as I have never seen him serve before and was generally sound in all departments. He finished off the match with a great burst of speed with three service aces which Kwok made no effort to get to.

Tsui will now meet his brother in the semi-final so a Tsui-Rumjahn final is assured as, in the other bracket, the Rumjahn cousins will be opposed to each other.

SAIGON INTERPORT ELEVEN SELECTION

Owing to several secretaries of Clubs not sending in definite replies from players who were invited for the Saigon Interport, a meeting of the management committee will be held to-morrow when the team will be finally settled.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Following is to-day's tennis programme at Hong Kong Cricket Club:—

OPEN DOUBLES

E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung v. C. H. R. Hyde and J. J. Ferguson (Stand Court).

HANDICAP SINGLES

D. M. MacDougall (—15.2) v. G. W. Sewell (—4.6) (6).

A. H. Barwell (—1.6) v. C. B. Nicholson (—3.6) (7).

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES

V. R. Gordon and Mrs. Ralph (scr.) v. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stark (scr.) (4).

R. C. Beavan and Miss J. Smalley (—3.6) v. H. D. Bidwell and Miss E. Lammert

REST TEAM TO MEET CHAMPIONS

The local football season will officially close on Sunday when on the Club ground at 4.45 p.m. South China "A", who it is hoped will be champions by then, meet a Rest team drawn from the remaining Senior Clubs in the first division.

At the conclusion of the game the trophies and medals for the winners and runners-up of all divisions will be distributed by Mrs. M. K. Lo, wife of the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo vice president of the Football Association.

The following have been chosen to represent The Rest:—

Robinson (Navy); Blackburn (Police) and Lee Kwok-wai (Kwong Wah); Maxwell (Kowloon); Bright (Middlesex); and Lau Tse-ghan (Eastern); Hossack (Royal Scots); W. Pryde (Club); F. Fowler (Club); Pereira (St. Joseph's) and Wong King-cheong (Kwong Wah).

IMPORTANT SOCCER GAMES FOR THIS AFTERNOON

By "REFEREE"

THREE FOOTBALL LEAGUE games are down for decision this afternoon and all three have some bearing on the first and second places in the League tables.

At Boundary Road, South China "A", who only need one more point for the championship, are meeting Kwong Wah and will have to be at their best to obtain the desired point.

At Sookunpoo, 30th. Royal Artillery, winners of the Junior Shield, meet Engineers in the second game to decide the runners-up of Second Division. The Gunners have already won one game and a draw will be sufficient this afternoon to give them the title.

If Sappers win, the deciding game will be played on Saturday on a neutral ground.

Service Corps play their last game this afternoon and should have no difficulty in obtaining both points from Electric. Only a win for Service Corps will enable them to meet 24th R.A. in the play-off for the Third Division title.

Should a play-off be necessary this game will probably be played before the Champions versus Rest game on Sunday.

EASTERN'S THIRD WIN

Manila, To-day.—The Eastern touring football team last night secured their third straight victory when they beat Letran 5-1 in a fast game.

Latran scored in the opening minute but thereafter the exchanges were ding-dong, with both goalies outstanding.

Chan Kam-hoi equalised, and then Chang Yung-san gave the Hong Kong side the lead when he dribbled 20 yards before scoring.

At half-time Eastern led 2-1. In the second half Ching Tong-lee and Chan Kam-hoi added to the score; the home goalie being caught off his guard on both occasions.

Repeated Letran attacks failed, the visitors again proving much faster than the local teams.—Reuter.

COLONY CHESS

Following matches in the Colony Chess Championships were played last week:—

E. Zimmern beat Sir H. Pollock; K. M. A. Barnett beat A. Kurrik; K. Weiss beat A. Biriukoff; B. S. Litvin beat V. V. Kalatchoff.

The positions of the players follow:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
E. Zimmern	11	10	0	1	10
K. M. A. Barnett	11	9	0	2	9
K. Weiss	11	7	1	3	7½
B. S. Litvin	11	7	0	4	7
Sir H. Pollock	11	5	3	3	8½
D. E. de Carvalho	10	8	1	4	8½
A. Kurrik	11	5	2	4	4
A. Biriukoff	11	2	2	7	3
L. Blair	10	3	0	0	1
V. V. Kalatchoff	11	0	2	10	½

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THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED**NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING**

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board.
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Hong Kong, 16th April, 1940.

THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS**

NOTICE is hereby given that the ONE HUNDRED and TWENTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in the Company, will be held at the Office of the Company, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 25th April, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 19th April to 25th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

H. DA LUZ,
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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27784) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920.).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
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Hong Kong, 15th April, 1940.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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Bowen Road (Nitarbede)	297
Mainland	
Taiwan	5124
Kowloon Peak	1971

PRINCESS OF DENMARK BORN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Amsterdam, To-day.
Crown Princess Ingrid of Denmark has given birth to a girl. It is learned from Copenhagen. Princess Ingrid, who is 30, married Crown Prince Frederick in 1935. The newly-born baby is their first child.—Havas.

ONE LAST "CHANCE" FOR KING

BERLIN, TO-DAY.
GERMANY YESTERDAY GAVE KING HAAKON OF NORWAY "ONE LAST CHANCE" TO CAPITULATE TO THE GERMAN OCCUPATION OR FACE THE LIFE OF A FUTURE EXILE.

The puppet Oslo Government is making a final effort to communicate with him and try to persuade him to return to the capital. They have decided that his collaboration is essential "to the welfare of the people."

From the Nazi point of view, King Haakon is faced with the alternatives of "Throne or Exile."

According to the official German news agency, King Haakon is being

ALLIED DRIVE IN BALKANS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
LONDON, TO-DAY.

EXTREMELY ENERGETIC DIPLOMATIC, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY THE ALLIES IN SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE AS THE RESULT OF THE CONFERENCES JUST HELD HERE BETWEEN THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND BRITISH ENVOYS IN THE BALKANS.

First of all the Allies will tighten the control of German imports.

Measures to this effect will include the purchasing of important quantities of certain goods, and the rationing or even complete cancellation of Allied exports of certain fundamental commodities to certain countries, if the latter do not reduce their exports to Germany.

However reluctant the Allies may be to take ruthless action, they will not hesitate to do so now that it is clearly demonstrated that Germany is benefiting from the Allied desire to respect neutral interests.—Havas.

"dragged along like a prisoner by the rump Cabinet without a chance to learn what is the real situation in Norway."

It is admitted in Berlin that the puppet Government is only able to exercise its power over the German-occupied areas and that in the north King Haakon may be able to rally the Norwegians for a stand, "especially if the British land at Narvik."

— Reuter.

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"Selection of suitable points of disembarkation was an important element in the Allied plan. Protection of the expedition in passage means the provision of an adequate naval escort and a concentration of ships."
"It was an amazing achievement to despatch and equip a strong and properly equipped expedition within a week of the first warning."

The military correspondent of "The Times" declares: "The Germans are still not fully informed about the British landings. It is probable no official news will be issued till the enemy has obviously identified the landing places, and even then information will be meagre." — Reuter.

London, To-day.
The "News Chronicle" declares this morning: "An important consequence of the Allied successes in Norway will be an immediate stiffening among the small neutrals. Every fresh achievement will brace them up to resist Nazi pressure."—Reuter.

Rome, To-day.
The replies of Yugo-Slavia, Bulgaria and Hungary to the Rumanian proposals for policing the Danube have reached Bucharest and are clearly favourable, states a Bucharest message to the Stefani news agency.

It is stated one of the principal points of the new arrangement is that steamers capable of being transformed into warships will not be allowed on the Danube.

As a result of the proposed measures the four Danube countries consider they can protect the river against sabotage.—Reuter.

London, To-day.
A leader in the "Daily Telegraph" this morning declares: "The German mind is evidently in no state to be trusted with the news that the great aerodrome at Stavanger has been bombed again by wave after wave of British aircraft."

"Success of the raid will shatter German delusions that their air strength can avert the penalty of disaster to an overseas expedition undertaken without command of the sea."—Reuter.

London, To-day.
The Stockholm correspondent of "The Times" reports that 600 German troops occupying Halden have now left the town because they were "needed elsewhere."—Reuter.

DUTCH PLANS FOR N.E.I.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.
An official Note published in the press points out that the Dutch Indies have their own government and their integrity was guaranteed at the Washington Conference in 1922, in particular by the United States and Japan.

In the presence of menaces which may threaten this "Dutch crown jewel," the Dutch Government has considered several measures.

Firstly, the general reinforcement of the army and navy stationed in the Indies.

Secondly, should Holland be drawn into the war, to confer on the Indies greater administrative autonomy.

Numerous efforts have been observed in Holland to interest the United States in the fate of the Dutch possessions.

Queen Wilhelmina and the Foreign Minister, as well as the Indies Government, have recently addressed radio messages to the American people. — Havas.

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